

**Annual Report
of the
Town of Chelmsford**



For the year ending December 31, 2000

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25 Boston Road
Chelmsford, MA 01824

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Information

Incorporated	May, 1655	
Type of Government	Sel / Town Mgr / Town Meeting	
Location	Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Lowell and Tyngsboro on the North, Billerica on the East, Carlisle on the South, and Westford on the West. It is 24 miles from Boston, 40 miles from Worcester, and 225 miles from New York City.	
County	Middlesex	
Land Area	22.54 Square Miles	
Population 1995	32,107	
Tax Rate	(\$18.11 Residential and Commercial)	
U. S. Senators in Congress:		
5th Congressional District	Martin Meehan, Lowell, MA	
State Senator	Susan Fargo, Lincoln, MA	
Representative in General Court		
16th Middlesex District	Carol C. Cleven, Chelmsford, MA	
Accounting Department	Monday thru Friday	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Assessors Office	Monday	8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.*
	Tuesday thru Friday	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Board of Health	Monday thru Friday	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Building Department	Monday thru Friday	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Highway Department		
Office	Monday thru Friday	7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Garage	Monday thru Friday	7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Public Libraries		
Adams Library	Monday thru Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
	Friday & Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
	Sunday (Oct to May)	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
McKay Library	Monday & Wednesday	11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
School Superintendent	Monday thru Friday	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Selectmen's Office	Monday thru Friday	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Town Clerk	Monday	8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.*
	Tuesday thru Friday	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tax Collector & Treasurer	Monday	8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.*
	Tuesday thru Friday	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Veterans' Agent Office	Monday, Wednesday, and Friday	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Meeting	When	Where
Annual Town Election	First Tuesday in April	9 Precincts
Annual Town Meeting	Last Monday in April	Senior Center
Annual Town Meeting	Third Monday in October	Senior Center
Selectmen	7:00 p.m. - Every other Monday	Town Offices
School Committee	7:30 p.m. - Every other Tuesday	Parker School
Planning Board	7:30 p.m. - 2nd & 4th Wednesday	Town Offices
Appeals Board	7:30 p.m. - 2nd & 4th Thursday	Town Offices
Conservation Commission	8:00 p.m. - 1st & 3rd Tuesday	Town Offices
Board of Health	5:00 p.m. - 1st Tuesday of Month	Town Offices
Housing Authority	7:30 p.m. - 1st Tuesday of Month	10 Wilson Street

Phone Directory

Accounting	250-5215
Assessor	250-5220
Board of Appeals	250-5247
Building Inspector.....	250-5225
Cemetery.....	250-5245
Conservation Commission	250-5247
Council on Aging	251-0533
Dog Officer	256-0754
Fire Department	256-2541
All Other Fire Business.....	250-5267
Gas Inspector	250-5225
Health Department	250-5241
Highway Department	250-5270
Garage.....	250-5271
Housing Authority.....	256-7425
Libraries:	
Adams	256-5521
McKay	251-3212
Personnel.....	250-5288
Planning Board.....	250-5231
Plumbing Inspector	250-5225
Police Department.....	256-2521
Post Office (Center)	256-2361
Post Office (North Chelmsford).....	251-4461
Recreation Commission	250-5262
School Administration	251-5100
Selectmen.....	250-5201
Sewer Commission	250-5233
Supt. of Public Bldgs.	250-5249
Town Clerk	250-5205
Town Engineer.....	250-5228
Town Manager	250-5201
Treasurer/Tax Collector	250-5210
Veterans' Agent.....	250-5238
Waste/Recycle.....	250-4203
Water Department	
Chelmsford	256-2381
East Water	453-0121
North Water	251-3931
Wiring Inspector	250-5225

Elected Officials 4/4/00

CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 yr Term - elected)

Gerald L. Hardy	11 Meehan Drive	256-6717	2001
James F. Dolan	106 Middlesex Street	251-3105	2002
Jean R. McCaffery Chr	201 Old Westford Rd.	256-5333	2003

CONSTABLE (3 yr Term - elected)

William E. Spence	91 Billerica Road	256-4581	2001
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BOARD OF HEALTH (3 yr Term - elected)

Earnest Wu	255 North Rd #28	256-8976	2001
Peter Dulchinos Chr	17 Spaulding Road	256-5256	2002
Douglas E. Hausler VChr	51 Stonegate Road	256-8194	2003
Paul J. Canniff Clerk	RESIGNED Effective 6/16/00		

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 yr Term - elected)

Leonard E. Westgate	7 Wildes Rd	256-3796	2001
Lynn M. Marcella VChr	74 Carlisle Street	458-6807	2002
Scott Johnson Chr	25 Samuel Road	256-3205	2003
Pamela Turnbull	535 Wellman Avenue (Govnr Appt)	251-4778	7/03
Denise Marcaurelle	7 Whippletree Rd	256-0942	2005

LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3 yr Term - elected)

John W. Cutter, Jr. Tres	38 Abbott Lane	256-6602	2001
Steven P.L. Maloney	10 King St	256-8538	2001
Margaret E. Marshall	2 Draycoach Drive	251-1296	2002
Elizabeth A. McCarthy VChr	48 Bartlett Street	256-6871	2002
Richard E. DeFreitas	61 St Andrews Way	251-9866	2002
Carol L. Sneden	4 Laredo Dr	256-2327	2003
Stephen J. Mallette Chr	13 Wedgewood Drive	250-0260	2003

MODERATOR (3 yr Term - elected)

Dennis E. McHugh	63 Dalton Road	256-6842	2002
	2 Chelmsford Street (office)	256-3330	

PLANNING BOARD (3 yr Term - elected)

Charles Wojtas Clerk	24 Elm Street	256-9089	2001
Susan E. Carter VChr	47 Kennedy Drive	251-4374	2001
Robert C. Morse	45 Clarissa Road	256-5147	2002
Christopher Garrahan Chr	4 Maynard Circle	251-3673	2002
Pamela L. Armstrong	15 Amble Rd	256-8767	2003
Kim J. MacKenzie	101 High Street	256-4088	2003
James P. Good	4 Burning Tree Lane	256-2686	2003

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 yr Term - elected)

Mary Jo Griffin, Chr	125 Stedman Street	244-5212	2001
Evelyn S. Thoren,	18 Pine od Road	256-1122	2001
Judith B. Mallette, VChr	13 Wedgewood Drive	250-0260	2002
Sheila E. Pichette	26 Shedd Lane	452-5919	2002
James B. Trager, Sec	203 Concord Rd	256-0371	2003

SELECTMEN (3 yr Term - elected)

Thomas E. Moran, VChr	19 Dennison Road	251-4173	2001
Michael F. McCall, Clerk	151 Main Street	251-3157	2001
Stuart G. Weisfeldt,	8 Leitrim Lane	256-7902	2002

William F. Dalton
Philip M. Eliopoulos, **Chr**

12 Dartmouth Street
26 Arbutus Ave.

251-3259 **2003**
256-2388 **2003**

SEWER COMMISSION

John P. Emerson, Jr. **Chr**
Barry B. Balan **VChr**
John F. Souza
Richard J. Day
George F. Abely Clerk

(3 yr Term - elected)
8 Loiselle Lane
54 Boston Road #10
123 Stedman St
6 Merilda Avenue
87 Swain Road

251-3654 **2001**
256-8234 **2001**
256-6478 **2002**
251-3382 **2002**
251-8472 **2003**

Town Officials

TOWN MANAGER	Bernard F. Lynch	250-5201
TOWN CLERK	Mary E. St.Hilaire	250-5205
FINANCE DIRECTOR/ TREASURER/ TAX COLLECTOR	Charles F. Mansfield	250-5210
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	Jean D. Sullivan	250-5215
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	Diane M. Phillips	250-5220
	Bruce Symmes	
BUILDING INSPECTOR	Anthony F. Zagzoug	250-5225
DPW DIRECTOR	James E. Pearson	250-5228
POLICE CHIEF	Raymond G. McCusker Jr	250-5255
FIRE CHIEF	John E. Parow	250-5267
FINANCE COMMITTEE	Clare L. Jeannotte,Chr	
	Dwight M. Hayward	
	William Curry	
	Samuel P. Chase	
	Mary E. Frantz	
	William J. Gilet, Jr	
	Eugene T. Schwamb III	

Town Meeting Representatives

PRE TERM	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
1	2003 James P. Good	removed 1/26/01	
1	2003 Peggy Dunn	2 Bridge St	250-8095
1	2003 Anthony V. Volpe	144 Warren Ave	250-8548
1	2003 Frances T. McDougall	11 Dawn Dr	256-0350
1	2003 Jean B. Rook	41 Westford St	256-3164
1	2003 Nina S. Lewin	1 Boyds Ln	256-4701
1	2003 vacancy will be filled at the 4/3/01 election		
1	2002 Marian D. Currier	181 Littleton Rd #404	256-6115
1	2002 Elizabeth A. McCarthy	48 Bartlett St	256-6871
1	2002 Barry B. Balan	54 Boston Rd	256-8234
1	2002 Nancy H. Robinson	45 Billerica Rd	256-6331
1	2002 Cynthia J. Kaplan	22 Bartlett St	256-4741
1	2002 Sandra A. Kilburn	181 Littleton Rd 8-217	256-2783
1	2001 William E. Spence	91 Billerica Rd	256-4581
1	2001 Steven P.L. Maloney	10 King St	256-8538
1	2001 Kathryn Brough	14 High St	256-8019
1	2001 Samuel P.Chase	5 Rivermeadow Dr	256-5617
1	2001 Sandra B. Martinez	1 Carter Dr	256-7943
1	2001 Richard G. Allison	189 Littleton Rd #48	256-3395
2	2003 William F. Dalton	12 Dartmouth St	251-3259
2	2003 Francis G. Miskell	38 Groton Rd	251-3376
2	2003 Bruce J. Harper Sr	9 Harvard St	251-4243
2	2003 Linda H. Dalton	12 Dartmouth St	251-3259
2	2003 M. Janice Spence	816 Wellman Ave	251-8645
2	2003 Kathleen M. Heald	848 Wellman Ave	251-9963

2	2002 Phyllis H. Clark	11 Sharon Ave	251-3180
2	2002 George L. Merrill	108 Dunstable Rd	251-3606
2	2002 Susan E. Carter	47 Kennedy Dr	251-4374
2	2002 Mark T. Connors	61 Dunstable Rd	251-3435
2	2002 John W. Thompson	14 Arbor Rd	251-7146
2	2002 Charles B. Austin	876 Wellman Ave	251-9942
2	2001 Mary Jo Welch	31 Kennedy Dr	251-3760
2	2001 Jeffrey W. Stallard	103 Tyngsboro Rd PO 2004	251-0389
2	2001 Douglas R. Aker	12 Arbor Rd	251-7115
2	2001 Stanley W. Norkunas	58 Church St	251-4680
2	2001 Pamela H. Pudsey	48 A Dunstable Rd	251-0930
2	2001 Karen E. Connors	61 Dunstable Rd	251-3435
3	2003 Michael F. McCall	151 Main St	251-3157
3	2003 Cathy A. Hutchinson	233 Main St	251-7846
3	2003 Christopher T. Garrahan	4 Maynard Circle	251-3673
3	2003 William J. Gilet, Jr	71 Princeton St #113	251-3704
3	2003 Harold I. Matzkin	E24 Scotty Hollow Dr	251-8974
3	2003 Kathryn M. Fisher	2 Kelshill Rd	251-4835
3	2002 D. Lorraine Lambert	91 Main St	251-2844
3	2002 Michael F. Curran	58 Crooked Spring Rd	251-8038
3	2002 Shaun F. Saber*	32 Hatikva Way	251-0510
3	2002 Jaclyn D. Matzkin	E24 Scotty Hollow Dr	251-8974
3	2002 Bruce R. Wolf	12 Hatikva Way	251-9841
3	2002 Adrienne M. Jerome	118 Crooked Spring Rd	251-4199
3	2002 Susan M. Olsen	removed 1/24/01	
3	2001 John P. Emerson, Jr.	8 Loiselle Ln	251-3654
3	2001 Carol W. Merriam	8 Lovett Ln	251-8396
3	2001 Thomas E. Moran	19 Dennison Rd	251-4173
3	2001 Henry R. McEnany	B18 Scotty Hollow Dr	251-8446
3	2001 Nancy J. Knight	29 Stonehill Rd	251-3103

3	2001 H. Steve Flynn	13 Dayton St	251-8486
4	2003 Sheila E. Pichette	26 Shedd Ln	452-5919
4	2003 George A. Ripsom, Sr.	33 Porter Rd	250-9210
4	2003 Billy L. Martin	9 Vincent St	256-3092
4	2003 Dennis P. Sheehan	61 Moore St	459-3654
4	2003 Richard R. Madanjian	46 Moore St	455-3030
4	2003 Elizabeth M. Ripsom	33 Porter Rd	250-9210
4	2002 Scott E. Johnson	25 Samuel Rd	256-3205
4	2002 Kathleen M. Redican	80 Carlisle St	937-1168
4	2002 Brian P. Latina	15 Jessie Rd	256-0721
4	2002 John G. Coppinger	20 Ansie Rd	256-8763
4	2002 Roger C. Sumner	40 Kensington Dr	256-7008
4	2002 Mark A. House	12 Donald Ave	452-3037
4	2001 John B. Sousa Jr	88 Carlisle St	937-2667
4	2001 Daniel J. Sullivan, III	4 Shedd Lane	453-3813
4	2001 Cathleen H. Latina	15 Jessie Rd	256-0721
4	2001 Helen A. Manahan	26 Muriel Rd	256-7398
4	2001 John R. Hibbard	50 Manning Rd	452-7731
4	2001 Raymonde R. Legrand	20 Oak Knoll Ave	453-4304
5	2003 Cheryl M. Perkins	10 Warwick Dr	250-4123
5	2003 Evelyn S. Thoren	18 Pinewood Rd	256-1482
5	2003 David P. McLaughlin	110 Garrison Rd	256-8611
5	2003 Glenn R. Thoren	18 Pinewood Rd	256-1482
5	2003 Robert D. Hall	35 Maple Rd	256-9159
5	2003 Judith B. Mallette	13 Wedgewood Dr	250-0260
5	2002 Kathleen Curran	5 Kenwood St	256-2423
5	2002 Wendy C. Marcks	13 Dakota Rd	256-8307
5	2002 Bonnie G. Wilder	3 Higate Rd	256-8628
5	2002 John W. Wilder	3 Higate Rd	256-8628

5	2002 Stephen J. Mallette	13 Wedgewood Dr	250-0260
5	2002 Beverly A. Barrett	3 Delpha Ln	250-0396
5	2001 W. Allen Thomas, Jr.	374 Littleton Rd	256-8772
5	2001 Jonathan A. Stevens	RESIGNED 7/5/00	
5	2001 Dean Carmeris	20 Higate Rd	256-1480
5	2001 Leonard R. Richards, Jr	2 Hart Rd	256-1532
5	2001 Frederick S. Marcks	13 Dakota Dr	256-8307
5	2001 Dennis T. Bak	16 Pinewood Rd	256-7438
6	2003 Judith A. Olsson	8 Scott Dr	256-9650
6	2003 Stuart G. Weisfeldt	8 Leitrim Ln	256-7902
6	2003 David J. McLachlan	51 Brentwood Rd	256-7272
6	2003 Marianne J. Paresky	10 Smith St	256-8292
6	2003 M. Elizabeth Marshall	16 Colonial Dr	256-5852
6	2003 Norman J. Aubert, Jr	14 Hidden Way	250-4447
6	2002 Mary E. Frantz	34 Miland Ave	256-1612
6	2002 Mary Jo Griffin	125 Stedman St	244-1122
6	2002 Peter V. Lawlor	50 Dalton Rd	256-7275
6	2002 Daniel E. Lekas	RESIGNED 10/11/00	
6	2002 Charles F. Smith *	6 Scott Dr	256-0105
6	2002 Ralph M. Nebalski	10 Sunset Ave	256-9166
6	2002 Howard J. Hall	5 Hillcrest Dr	256-7723
6	2001 Susan Kupor McHugh	63 Dalton Rd	256-6842
6	2001 Janet G. Dubner	46 Dalton Rd	256-8216
6	2001 George T. Chianis	273 Chelmsford St	256-6936
6	2001 Nancy W. Kaelin	22 Fairbanks Rd	256-4438
6	2001 Angelo J. Taranto, Jr	11 Woodlawn Ave	256-8146
6	2001 Pamela H. McKenna	60 Hornbeam Hill Rd	256-3289
7	2003 Kevin E. Porter	48 Abbott Lane	250-7478
7	2003 Donna L. Ready	2 Abbott Ln	256-8679

7	2003 Barbara J. Scavezze	3 Mt Laurel DrPO Box 495	256-5427
7	2003 Leonard W. Doolan, III	52 Amble Rd	256-3604
7	2003 Dwight M. Hayward	59 Amble Rd	256-3177
7	2003 Carol A. Stark	4 Hostler Rd	256-5266
7	2002 Kathleen S. Fitzpatrick	15 Footpath Rd	251-3596
7	2002 Dennis J. Ready	2 Abbott Ln	256-8679
7	2002 Katherine C. Harbison	3 Thoreau Dr	256-5027
7	2002 Bernard A. Ready	31 Clover Hill Dr	256-6058
7	2002 Robert F. Sullebarger	46 Chestnut Hill Rd	250-3983
7	2002 Judith Hass	27 McIntosh Rd	256-4230
7	2001 Paul F. Gleason	30 Pine Hill Rd	256-3108
7	2001 Linda G. Morabito	28 Clover Hill Dr	256-6418
7	2001 Pamela L. Armstrong	15 Amble Rd	256-8767
7	2001 Peter Dulchinos	17 Spaulding Rd	256-5256
7	2001 Clare L. Jeannotte	3 Hawthorne Ln	250-9407
7	2001 Joseph D. Ready	2 Abbott Ln	256-8679
8	2003 Richard M. Johnson	237 Old Westford Rd	250-4650
8	2003 Alexander W. Gervais	5 Arbutus Ave	256-2584
8	2003 Linda M. Lee	255 North Rd #263	256-6840
8	2003 John S. Fudge, Jr.	255 North Rd #8	256-5465
8	2003 S. George Zaharoolis	191 Princeton St	251-4434
8	2003 Deborah Villano	10 Gregory Rd	250-8082
8	2002 Margaret A. Fudge	255 North Rd #8	256-5465
8	2002 Walter A. Clevon	4 Arbutus Ave	256-5043
8	2002 Ralph J. Hulslander, Jr.	74 Smith St	256-6905
8	2002 Jennifer Renna Ferreira	11 Garland Rd	256-1056
8	2002 Richard J. Day	6 Merilda Ave	251-3382
8	2002 Gail E. Poulten	16 Berkeley Dr	251-8813
8	2001 Angelo J. Taranto	8 Charlemont Ct	251-8205

8	2001 William C. Curry	15 Overlook Dr	256-7879
8	2001 Joyce E. Johnson	237 Old Westford Rd	250-4650
8	2001 Jacqueline A. Sheehy	removed 1/24/01	
8	2001 John E. Abbott	384 North Rd	251-8881
8	2001 Samuel Poulten*	16 Berkeley Dr	251-8813
8	2001 Kathleen E. Howe	moved 7/24/00 then resigned 12/18/00	
9	2003 Robert C. Morse	45 Clarissa Rd	256-5147
9	2003 Susan B. Graves	17 Clarissa Rd	256-6241
9	2003 C. Thomas Christiano	6 Drew Cir	256-2181
9	2003 Leonard E. Westgate	7 Wildes Rd	256-3796
9	2003 Robert P. Mackey	47 Old Stage Rd	2441269
9	2003 James L. Hickey	104 Kristin Dr Ext	250-4761
9	2002 Barry K. Hamill	55 Clarissa Rd	256-0767
9	2002 James E. Rich	39 Clarissa Rd	256-7201
9	2002 John G. Harrington	149 Boston Rd	256-8249
9	2002 J. Stephen Clark	11 Smokerise Dr	256-5284
9	2002 Arthur Carmen	6 Howard Rd	250-8435 (u)
9	2002 James W. Young	39 Cambridge St	250-8176
9	2001 Francis J. Barre	3 Sandra Dr	256-3942
9	2001 Will L. Perry	42 Concord Rd	256-4492
9	2001 Phyllis M. Elias	28 Regina Dr	256-7570
9	2001 Gary A. Mathews	19 Clarissa Rd	250-9669
9	2001 Lesley M. Mathews	19 Clarissa Rd	250-9669
9	2001 Thomas A. Newcomb	9 Clarissa Rd	256-4748

Balance Sheet

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Assets:	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	Long Term Obligations	June 30, 2000
Cash	\$ 3,605,979	\$ 5,295,893	\$ -	\$ 1,594,888	\$ -	\$ 10,496,760
Investments	2,594,090	-	3,405,910	7,569,941	-	13,569,941
	-	-	-			
Property Tax Receivable:						
Current Year	448,286	-	-	-	-	448,286
Other Accounts Receivable:						
Motor Vehicle Excise	483,342	-	-	-	-	483,342
Tax Liens	645,148	-	-	-	-	645,148
Sewer	93,185	-	-	-	-	93,185
Special Assessments	-	2,432,289	-	-	-	2,432,289
Departmental	451	-	-	49,909	-	50,360
Intergovernmental	7,565	275,714	661,801	-	-	945,080
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Other Assets	139,129	-	-	477,000	-	616,129
Amounts to be Provided for retirement of Long Term Obligations	-	-	-	-	53,645,629	53,645,629
Total Assets	\$ 8,017,175	\$ 8,003,896	\$ 4,067,711	\$ 9,691,738	\$ 53,645,629	\$ 83,426,149
	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Liabilities:	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	Long Term Obligations	June 30, 1999
Accounts Payable	\$ 668,286	\$ 105,421	\$ 19,356	\$ 1,212,730	\$ -	\$ 2,005,793
Payroll Withholdings	273,574	-	-	-	-	273,574
Other Liabilities	68,565	-	-	484,115	-	552,680
Deferred Revenue	1,691,711	2,432,289	-	-	-	552,680
Court Judgement Payable	-	-	-	-	90,559	90,559
Accrued Compensated Absences	-	-	-	-	4,358,467	4,358,467
Bonds and Notes Payable	-	-	8,250,000	-	49,196,603	57,446,603
Total Liabilities	2,702,136	2,537,710	8,269,356	1,696,845	53,645,629	68,851,676
Fund Equity:						
Fund Balances:						
Reserved:						
Encumbrances	894,868	-	-	-	-	894,868
Endowments	-	-	-	802,345	-	802,345
Unreserved:						
Designated	358,666	5,466,186	(4,201,645)	7,192,548	-	8,815,755
Undesignated	4,061,505	-	-	-	-	4,061,505
Total Fund Equity	5,315,0	5,466,186	(4,201,645)	7,994,893	-	14,574,473
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$8,017,175	\$8,003,896	\$4,067,711	\$9,691,738	\$53,645,629	\$83,426,149

TOWN OFFICES

Board of Selectmen

It is with great pride that I write this favorable report on behalf of the Chelmsford Board of Selectmen for the Town of Chelmsford's 2000 Annual Report. As outlined below, 2000 was full of accomplishments and activities that have improved both the financial strength of the Town as well as the quality of life for our community. After you finish reading this report, I am sure you will agree that it was a great year for our Town.

With the election of April 2000, I was thankfully re-elected for a second term on the Board of Selectmen and honored to serve as Chairman. It has been a pleasure to serve with my colleagues, and I thank them for all their effort, dedication and professionalism in conducting matters of the Town in the past year. This was a direct factor in all that has been accomplished.

During my term as Chairman, and together with the efforts of numerous town officials, many aspects of our town were improved; the tax rate for FY 2000 was decreased - the fourth consecutive decrease since I was first elected to the Board in 1997; we received grant money for numerous Town projects and traffic improvements, including nearly \$1.4 million to signalize the intersections of North Road and Dalton Road and at North Road, Parkhurst and Davis Roads, along with initiating the engineering for the signalization at Route 129 and Golden Cove Road; the stabilization fund grew to approximately \$7.5 million which continues to be a strong factor in maintaining the Town's superb bond rating; and we have made major improvements to our Town facilities, infrastructure and recreational parks, including the opening of the renovated/expanded Adams Library, the new skateboard park, and improved tennis/basketball courts at the McCarthy School, and sidewalk installations, to name a few.

After years of lobbying the State, the Route 3 widening project finally came off the ground. This project will be one of the most important capital improvements to this region in decades, benefiting the residents of the corridor, the business community and users of the highway alike. This region, along with the rest of the Commonwealth, has experienced one of the strongest economic growths in recent history. What that growth has meant for communities like Chelmsford is a significant increase in our commercial and industrial development. However, without the appropriate infrastructure to support this growth, our communities have also experienced severe increases in traffic. The Route 3 work guarantees the long-term viability for this region as well as improves the quality of life for our residents and businesses. We continue to work with the State and the contractor to minimize the impact on our residents abutting the highway.

Although we have experienced many positive improvements for our Town, our vigilance is still needed in several areas. We must continue to be fiscally sound to maintain our superb bond rating while also being more fiscally conservative in light of the recent slow down in the economy. We must continue to lobby the Commonwealth for increases in school aid. We must see the Center Signalization and Beautification project completed to enhance our Town center and eliminate traffic and safety concerns. We must look after our senior citizens and provide additional affordable housing for them so they do not spend years on our housing list. We must be pro-active in trying to minimize the impact on our community from the Route 3 Project. Finally, we must work aggressively to ensure that the needed renovations to our school buildings are met in the most economical manner while balancing the long term needs of the entire community.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the other members of the Board of Selectmen for their dedication to the Town. I also want to thank the Town Manager, Bernie Lynch, for his efforts and support along with the staff of the Manager's Office: Assistant Town Manager John Coderre, Janet Murphy, Marian Currier and Jeanne Parziale. Most importantly, I would like to thank the people of Chelmsford for allowing me the opportunity to serve as a Selectman, a position that I have found extremely rewarding. I will continue to work on your behalf to make Chelmsford one of the finest communities in the Commonwealth.



Board of Selectmen

Philip Eliopoulos, Michael McCall, Thomas Moran, William Dalton, Stuart Weisfeldt

Town Manager

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Town Manager for the year ending December 31, 2000. I once again can report that this past year was a positive one for the Town of Chelmsford with stable finances and progress in improving our services and facilities. As in the past I point to the decisions that we have made in the past as the foundation for our present condition. These prior decisions have been based upon conservative financial management and strategic investments to address identified and well-established community needs. These principles should continue to guide us as we move forward with the distinct possibility that the overall economy will not be as strong as it has been over the past few years. Fortunately, because of our adherence to these principles we are in a far better position to weather a weakening economy than we were in the late 1980's and early 1990's.

I have listed some of the highlights of 2000 below:

- At the close of FY2000 we were able to certify \$1.96 million in free cash, or budget surplus. Use of these funds included \$750,000 for tax relief and \$1,000,000 for our stabilization fund, which now has a balance of approximately \$7.5 million.
- In February we were able to open our enlarged and improved Adams Library. This facility, which is long overdue for our community, should serve our needs for the next 20-30 years.
- In April the Town Meeting approved the Town's commitment to an improvement and expansion of the Nashoba Technical High School. This school serves an important role in providing vocational education to over 100 Chelmsford students each year.
- After years of lobbying by local officials the Commonwealth moved forward with at Rt. 3 widening project using an innovative method of financing and design/build construction. The project will be completed over the next three years and will adversely impact the Town's traffic for that period. However, in the end there is little doubt that an enlarged roadway will reduce traffic congestion within the Town and produce opportunities for managed economic development. The Town has also worked with the state to locate sound barriers at several locations along the Rt. 3 corridor and received a commitment from the state to do further noise studies at several other locations for the purpose of obtaining additional barriers.
- Through the efforts of Senator Susan Fargo and Representative Carol Cleven the state committed nearly \$1.4 million of transportation monies to make intersection improvements on North Road at Dalton Road. and at Davis Road/Parkhurst Road. These improvements, which include traffic signals, should be completed in the next 24 months.
- The Town has begun working with our neighboring communities and state and regional agencies on a proposed Lowell to Nashua train service. In conjunction with the service we are working on the possible location of a station in the North Chelmsford area. All of these actions are in follow-up to a well-attended community meeting held in July.

- During the summer the Town finished construction of its long awaited skateboard park adjacent to the McCarthy Middle School. The first few months were not without issues of implementing rules of use and staffing but generally, the project was well received by residents and the youth of the Town. In tandem with the construction of this facility the Town also rebuilt the tennis and basketball courts at the South Row school.
- During the year we completed a study of the water system in the Town and of our Department of Public Works. We received a great deal of information and ideas about our water distribution system and our future needs however, more work will need to be done in this area which involves the three independent water districts that serve the Town. Our DPW study determined that generally our infrastructure is being well managed but that increased demands necessitate better staffing, centralized and enlarged facilities, and improved systems and procedures. These recommendations will be implemented over the next 3 years.

The year was not without issues of a less positive nature as the Central Square project, which includes traffic, and aesthetic improvements that did not begin as hoped during the year. It now appears that this project will begin in late summer 2001. Likewise, the building of the new Police Station on Old North Road is being redesigned after receiving bids in excess of available funds. Finally, negotiations with the cable company RCN ended during 2000 without a contract, as the company was experiencing financial and organizational issues which prevented their moving forward to provide an alternative service.

As we move forward into 2001 we will continue to push forward with projects such as Central Square, the Police Station and the North Road traffic improvements. We will also continue to work with the School Department to address our facility needs. This issue hangs on the horizon as a large cost that will require voter support for a Proposition 2-½ exemption. We will also need to continue to plan out our financial future in light of the slowing economy, a state tax cut that may reduce aid to cities and towns, and fixed cost issues such as health insurance for our employees which is increasing at levels well beyond revenue growth. These challenges await us in the months ahead.

As always, I want to thank the members of the Board of Selectmen for their direction and support during 2000 including Bill Dalton, Philip Eliopoulos, Michael McCall, Thomas Moran and Stuart Weisfeldt. I also want to recognize and thank the Department managers and town employees for their dedication and efforts. In particular, I want to thank the staff of the Executive Office, which has included John Coderre, Janet Murphy, Marian Currier and Jeanne Parziale.

In closing, let me once again thank all of the citizens of Chelmsford for the opportunity to work on your behalf as your Town Manager. I look forward to continuing the direction in which we are heading in making Chelmsford an even better community.

Accounting Department

Members:

Jean Sullivan	Town Accountant
Darlene Lussier	Assistant to the Town Accountant
Patricia Tucker	Principal Clerk
Kimberly McCarthy	Payroll Coordinator

During the fiscal year 2000, the Accounting Department continued to closely work with all departments in the processing of vendor/employee payments in a timely manner and within approved budget constraints.

The measure of success within the Accounting Department is recognized by the continual excellent reviews received for the Certified Public Accounting firm.



Board of Appeals

Back Row	William Gilet (Alternate), Ronald Pare', John Blake (Alternate), Daniel Wilkins (Alternate), John Coppinger
Front Row	Gustave Fallgren, Harold Organ, Eileen Duffy, Kathryn Bianchi (Community Development Clerk)

Board Of Appeals

Members:

Harold Organ, Jr., Chairman
John Coppinger, Vice Chairman
Eileen Duffy
Gustave Fallgren

Ronald Pare'
John Blake, Alternate
Daniel Wilkins, Alternate
Kathryn Bianchi, Principal Clerk

The Board of Appeals saw a slight decrease in the number of applications compared to the last two years. However, with the value of land increasing and the extension of sewers making more land buildable, the Board is seeing continuing pressure to grant Variances on land otherwise unsuitable for development. This is a trend that is likely to continue into the foreseeable future. The Board also welcomed Daniel Wilkins as an Alternate Member to the Board, replacing Katie Roark.

	Total	Granted	Denied	Withdrawn
Variances	37	27	8	2
Special Permits	15	13	1	1
Comprehensive Permit*	1	1	0	0
Total	53	41	9	3

*Modification of a Comprehensive Permit

Board Of Assessors

MEMBERS

Diane Phillips	Chief Assessor
Frank Reen	Ass't Assessor
Nancy Maher	Admin. Ass't
Elaine McBride	Prin. Clerk
Elaine Myers	Prin. Clerk

The Board of Assessors conducted the state mandated three year revaluation for FY2001. The escalating real estate market resulted in increases to value of 12 to 40% depending on the different types of property.

The office has a new Assistant Assessor. Frank Reen replaces Eric Josephson who is now the new Assessor in the Town of Weston. Eric started in Chelmsford in September of 1993.

The Board wishes to thank our staff, Nancy Maher, Elaine McBride, Elaine Myers for their continued dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Phillips, MAA, Chairman

Bruce A. Symmes, CMA, RMA, MAA

Board Of Registrars

Judith A. Olsson
 Richard F. Burt, Chairman
 Martha D. Doukaszewicz
 Sandra A. Kilburn, Departmental Assistant
 Mary E. St.Hilaire, Ex Officio

Voting Strength as of December 31, 2000 Enrolled Voters:

Precincts	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Democrats	658	631	633	614	622	661	553	646	542	5560
Republicans	419	298	336	354	428	385	385	378	400	3383
Unenrolled	1423	1233	1582	1297	1532	1527	1486	1365	1427	12872
Libertarian	4	12	6	11	12	7	4	14	12	82
Inter. 3rd Party	1	2	1	3	4	2	2	3	0	18
Reform	0	4	0	2	0	1	1	3	1	12
Rainbow Coalition	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Socialist	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Greenparty USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Mass Green Party	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	2507	2180	2559	2282	2598	2585	2431	2411	2383	21936

Inspections Department

Department Personnel
 Anthony F. Zagzoug, Inspector of Buildings
 Joseph P. Shaw, Local Inspector
 Kenneth W. Kleynen, Plumbing & Gas Inspector
 Dennis P. Kane, Wire Inspector
 Denise Cote, Department Assistant

The Inspections Department has been very busy enforcing Town and State Building Codes, handicap accesses/compliance, home occupations, signs, code and zoning regulations.

There were 30 new single family dwellings, 3 multi-family dwellings, and 11 new commercial buildings

Type of Permit	Permits Issued	Total Fees
Building Permits	791	\$439,077.70
Wire Permits	917	\$65,071.00
Plumbing & Gas Permits	975	\$24,517.00
Total	2,683	\$528,676.70

Other fees (not included above) for weights and measures, yard sales, signs and Certificates of Inspection were \$7500.50. Total fees collected by the Inspections Department for FY2000 was \$536,177.20.

I would like to thank all of the personnel in the Inspections Department, and all other Town personnel for their cooperation and support during the year.

Office Of Emergency Management

Walter R. Hedlund, Director
John E. Abbott
Walter J. Adley, Jr.

J. Bradford Cole
Paul Eriksen
Stephen J. Maffetone

Chelmsford Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) volunteers have been active during the year 2000, preparing reports for FEMA and Mass. Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

Three members attended a Three Day Mass. Emergency Management 2000 Conference in Marlboro, Topics were- Weather Related information, Terrorism, School all Hazard Preparedness, etc.

CEMA members wish to thank all Department Heads, Board of Selectmen, Town Manager and all their personnel for their efforts and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter R. Hedlund
Emergency Coordinator

Public Library

Chelmsford Public Library
25 Boston Road

Anna C. MacKay Memorial Library
43 Newfield Street, North Chelmsford

Library Trustees

Stephen Mallette, Chair
Elizabeth McCarthy, Vice-Chair
Carol Sneden, Secretary
John Cutter, Treasurer

Richard DeFreitas
Steven Maloney
Margaret Marshall

The library began a new chapter in its 105 year history, when it reopened the newly renovated and expanded Adams Library on February 29, 2000. Hundreds of residents, Town Officials, Trustees, and staff joined the celebration at the official grand opening and ribbon cutting on March 26, 2001.

Circulation and Reference

During 2000, residents also used the library more than ever before in its 105 year history. They borrowed 391,534 items including 10,678 interlibrary loans. The reference department documented 12,950 walk-in and telephone reference transactions. Electronic resources and access continued to expand. Registered borrowers can now log in from outside the library. Residents logged and conducted 28, 037 searches and retrieved 7,617 full text articles using on-line periodical indexes and databases.

Community Services.

Katherine Cryan-Hicks, Head of Community Services, offered residents 58 programs that were attended by 2,311 adults. Programs included Poetry Slams, Music on the Lawn, First Sundays Musical Series, information programs on many diverse subjects. In April the first Poetry Festival was held to celebrate National Poetry Month. Hundreds of job seekers visited the library during the annual Summer Job Fair in March. Community Services supports the 24 Relay Challenge and participates in other community activities.

Children's Department

The Children's staff offered 176 programs during the year that were attended by 3,532 children. The Friends of the Library sponsored programs during school vacations and summer reading. Two grants were awarded to the Children's Library to develop special pre-school collections and to offer varied programming.

Anna C. MacKay Memorial Library

The MacKay Library staff offered 147 programs that were attended by 1,526 children. In addition 189 adults attended 30 book discussions. Program included story/craft times, Harry Potter workshops, Flying Pigs Children's book group and a birthday party for Dr. Seuss. There were 179 participants in the Summer Reading Program. The MacKay Library expanded hours during the months of January and February because the main library was closed while staff prepared to move into the new building.

The Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library (Marti Michaud, President) continued support for the library, its programs and services throughout the year. Their support enhances library services by funding programming, museum passes, and equipment. The first booksale in 3 years was held in September at the gym in the lower level of the Town Offices. The Friends also participated in Fourth of July activities. A special tribute is given to Clifford Choquette, Membership Chair, who surpassed the goal 2,000 members by the year 2000.

Trustees

In April, the library said good-bye to Jaclyn Matzkin and Katherine Fisher. Their work and efforts to improve library services and facility are gratefully acknowledged. At the same time, the library welcomed new trustees Steve Maloney and Carol Sneden.

Statistical Report

Circulation: 391,534

Reference: 14,630

Moneys deposited with Town Treasurer: \$5,567

Library Personnel

Mary E. Mahoney, Library Director, resigned 11/1/00

Nanette Eichell, Assistant/Interim Director

Electronic Resources: Barbara Morrison

Reference: Deborah Perlow

Circulation: Linda Robinson

MacKay Library: Maureen Foley

Technical Services: Christopher Kupec

Community Services: Katherine Cryan-Hicks

Children's Librarian: Cheryl Zani

Recreation Commission

Members:

Harry Ayotte

Robert Charpentier

Janice Ruell

Holly Hamilton, *Recreation Director*

Amy Gilbride, *Senior Clerk*

Meetings: First Monday of each month.

The Recreation Commission is composed of seven members appointed by the Town Manager. The primary reason of the commission is to support and make recommendations to continuously improve and expand the recreational opportunities offered to the Chelmsford community.

The Recreation Department offered over 400 self-supporting programs throughout the year. Some of the successful programs organized in the year 2000 include day trips, ski programs, dance lessons, art lessons, science program and much more. The Recreation Department will continue to develop programming in response to the growing and changing needs of all populations within the Town of Chelmsford. Recreation programs will be advertised in the *Chelmsford Community Newsletter*, which is mailed during the months of April, August and December.

The commission would like to welcome Amy Gilbride who has been hired as the full-time Senior Clerk for the Recreation Department. We would also like to thank Sandra Hall and Deborah Lashley for their years of dedication to the Chelmsford Recreation Department. We wish them the best of luck in all future endeavors.

Last year the Recreation Department met our goal and the M.A.P, Middle School Activities Program was a success. We continued to develop the after school drop-in center for middle school students. The M.A.P. program was moved this year to the Murdoch Middle school. Students enjoy ping-pong, computer games, board games, creating the M.A.P. newsletter, friends, time to finish homework and so much more. In addition to the after school drop-in center M.A.P. offers additional programs and events including dances, movie & pizza nights, health programs, arts & crafts and more. We have over 300 members and our membership is still growing.

The Town of Chelmsford voted to build a skateboard park near the McCarthy Middle School. The Skateboard Park was completed in the spring of 2000. Children of all ages enjoyed the new Skateboard Park the past year.

We are most thankful to all residents whose support, dedication and involvement contributed to the success of the 2000 Recreation Department program.

Recycling Committee

Members

Peter Nelson, Chairperson, resigned 9/5/00
Johanna Morse, Chairperson as of 9/14/00
Marc Grant, Vice Chairperson
Mark Gallagher, Clerk
Nancy Kaelin, Publicist
Rick Conti
Lisa Sarnie, Peter Nelson's replacement
Barbara Scavezze, Recycling/Waste Coordinator, resigned 1/19/00
Alison McKay, Recycling/Waste Coordinator as of 2/7/00, Ex-Officio as of 7/13/00

The Town of Chelmsford contracted for the following services for residents, funded by taxes: weekly collection of solid waste, the biweekly collection of recyclables, and four curbside leaf collections which were held May 20, October 23, November 18, and December 2. The Town disposed of 14,943 tons of solid waste, and recycled 4,977 tons for a 33% recycling rate. The Town fulfilled the requirements for the Massachusetts Municipal Recycling Incentive Program, which provides an incentive payment based on the amount of recyclables collected in our curbside program.

The Chelmsford Recycling Committee held brush drop-offs at Community Tree on April 8 and October 14. The CRC also held drop-offs on May 20 and September 23 for metal (which was recycled), furniture and household goods (which were donated to the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless), clothing (which was donated to Goodwill Industries), electronics (which were recycled) and tires (which were recycled). The CRC held the annual Town-Wide Litter Clean Up on May 6. Volunteers picked up litter from conservation land, schoolyards, road shoulders, and illegal dumpsites, and gathered afterwards for a picnic at the Elks Lodge, which included door prizes and Pony Hayrides.

The Town’s contract with Waste Management ended in June and bids were accepted for a new contract. Upon review of the bids, the Town selected F.W. Russell & Sons Disposal Inc. as its new solid waste and recycling hauler for a five-year term. Almost 160 Compost Bins were sold at several composting events as part of a state recycling grant to help reduce waste. The annual recycling and trash flyer was produced and mailed to all residents. This flyer included the recycling schedule, and detailed the proper methods, timing and places for disposal of various types of recyclable material and solid waste. This type of information was also prepared for inclusion in the Community Newsletter and the “Chelmsford Recycles” web page.

Prepared by Alison McKay

Town Clerk

Town Clerk	Mary E. St.Hilaire, CMC,CMMC
Ass’t Town Clerk	Elizabeth L. Delaney
Senior Clerk	Raymonde R. Legrand
Senior Clerk P.T.	Bernadette Gilet

Sporting Licenses	619
Dog Licenses	3105
Kennel Licenses	9
Birth (Inc)	430
Deaths	315
Marriages	193
Intentions	193

Four elections were held in 2000. This is what we refer to as the Presidential year. We had a Presidential Primary in March. Our regular Town Election in April. The State Primary in September and the Presidential Election in November. There was a Special Town Meeting March 27th. Two Meetings held for the Annual Spring Town Meeting. April 24th and 27th. There was only one session of the Annual Fall Town Meeting held on October 16th.

Treasurer / Tax Collector

Employees:	Finance Director/Treasurer/Tax Collector
Charles F. Mansfield,	Assistant Treasurer
Carol R. Lambert,	Departmental Assistant
Bettie A. Osborne,	Legal Clerk
Judith A. Olsson,	Data Processing Clerk
Pat Britton,	Accts. Payable/Receivable Clerk
Anna M. Griffin,	

Aided by an improved economy and conservative budgeting practices, the Town's financial position once again has improved significantly in fiscal year 2000. Property taxes provide the majority of revenues and current collections have remained high at 99.5% in fiscal year 2000. This is due to continued aggressive collection procedures.

Chelmsford ended the fiscal 2000 with a General Fund balance of \$5.3 million (7.3% of General Fund revenues). In addition, the Town has maintained a healthy Stabilization Fund of \$7.9 million (10% of General Fund revenues). Town officials have continued to add to the Stabilization Fund to defray debt service and capital expenditures.

The Town has improved its long-term financial position through preparation and adherence to five-year fiscal forecasts and strategic planing. These forecasts and planning address operating costs, debt, facility needs, and financial reserves.

Sincerely,
Charles F. Mansfield
Finance Director/Treasurer/Tax Collector

Sewer Commission

During the year 2000, the Chelmsford Sewer Project (CSP) reached substantial completion of construction in all remaining areas originally envisioned for sewers in the 1984 Wastewater Facilities Plan. The Hart Pond and East Chelmsford areas marked the final phase of this original plan. All of the remaining pipeline and lift stations for these projects were installed during the year 2000. This leaves only testing, final paving, and surface restoration to be completed during the spring of 2001; therefore, substantial completion was acknowledged in these areas. With the completion of this original plan, approximately 68% of the properties in Chelmsford are now connected or authorized to connect to the municipal sewer system. The final phase (Phase 4) of the CSP will sewer the remaining 32% of the properties in Chelmsford. Phase 4 began construction in 1999 and is currently scheduled for completion in 2008.

At the peak of the 2000 construction season, there were as many as eight (8) construction crews active on any given day. As previously mentioned, construction in the Hart Pond and East Chelmsford areas reached substantial completion this year. In addition, the Phase 4A sewer project (Northwest Chelmsford and Miscellaneous Northwest Chelmsford Lateral Sewer Projects) made significant progress and is anticipated for completion during the summer of 2001. Construction of Phase 4B commenced and will continue throughout the 2001 construction season. Design of Phase 4C (Dennison/Locke Road Area Lateral Sewer Project) was completed during 2000 and construction is scheduled to commence in the spring of 2001.

Since the early 1980's when the Chelmsford⁴ Sewer Commission (CSC) began planning for this project, our highest priority has been to minimize local costs by aggressively pursuing, and then maximizing, all possible state and/or federal aid available. Through aggressive lobbying, and through submission of stacks of documentation justifying "Need" each fiscal year, Chelmsford had been positioned high on the state priority list for financial assistance through the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF). In 1997, the DEP changed the guidelines used to rank projects for funding and these new guidelines do not favor projects like the CSP. Because of these changes, the first few areas of Phase 4 have not received SRF funding. In 2001, the CSC intends to

continue to concentrate its efforts on lobbying the legislature to resume funding for the remainder of Phase 4 under the SRF program.

As mentioned in the 1999 report, the Chelmsford Sewer Commission received an honor when the New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA) invited our Vice Chairman, Barry B. Balan, to present a technical paper at a regional conference. Mr. Balan and Steven K. Pedersen, P.E., Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. presented the paper entitled "Horizontal Directional Drilling In Environmentally Sensitive Areas As Part Of The Chelmsford, MA, Municipal Sewer Project" at NEWEA's Annual Conference on January 25, 2000. The paper detailed the innovative trenchless technology methods used on the CSP to cross through environmentally sensitive areas in Chelmsford. The paper was extremely well received and was selected for publication in the May 2000 Journal of NEWEA (Volume 34, No.1).

The Commission would like to acknowledge our administrative staff, Jacqueline Sheehy, Amy Baron, and Heather Callery for their hard work, professionalism and patience. The Sewer Division of the Department of Public Works shares their multifaceted duties and they are the individuals who interface with the public on a daily basis.

Respectfully submitted,

CHELMSFORD SEWER COMMISSION

John P. Emerson, Jr., Chairman

Barry B. Balan, Vice Chairman

George F. Abely, Clerk

Richard J. Day

John F. Souza



Sewer Commission

Front Row: Commissioner, John F. Souza, Amy Baron, John P. Emerson, Jr. Chairman, and Barry B. Balan, Vice Chairman

Second Row: Commissioner George F. Abely, Clerk, Gregory S. Pion, Commissioner Richard J. Day, Steven K. Pedersen, Attorney James Harrington, JR.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department

I herein respectfully submit for your information and review the Annual Report of the Police Department for the year 2000. At the present time, the Department is made up of 60 permanent Officers.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Raymond G. McCusker

LIEUTENANTS

Steven A. Burns
James F. Murphy
Francis X. Roark
Scott R. Ubele

SERGEANTS

Daniel J. Ahern
Paul E. Cooper
Philip R. Dube
J. Ronald Gamache
John A. Roark
E. Michael Rooney
Edward F. Smith
Colin C. Spence
John O. Walsh
James M. Spinney, Jr.

Bureau Of Investigative Services/Inspectors

Detective Sergeant Timothy F. O'Connor
James T. Finnegan
Jared S. Finnegan

Gail F. Hunter
Brian F. Mullen
George A. Tyros

Domestic Violence Officer / Inspector

Roland E. Linstad

Juvenile Officer / Inspector

Kenneth R. Duane

Crime Prevention Officer / Inspector

Jeffrey J. Bernier

Department Criminal Prosecutor / Lowell District Court

Sergeant Robert M. Burns

Traffic Division/Community Response Unit

Sgt. Francis P. Kelly
Richard A. Adams
Patrick W. Daley

David M. Leo
Robert J. Murphy, Jr.
Paul E. Richardson
Christopher D. Zaher

Motor Cycle Patrol Unit

Timothy B. Bourke
David R. Tine
Craig E. Walsh

D.A.R.E. Officer

Richard D. Hallion

Patrol Officers

Todd D. Ahern
Jeffrey A. Blodgett
Bruce A. Darwin
Jennifer L. Fay
Stephen M. Fredericks
Francis J. Goode, Jr.
Gary A. Hannagan
Michael A. Horan
Andrew N. Lopilato
David F. MacKenzie, Jr.

Peter C. McGeown
Edward F. Quinn
John E. Redican, III
Chandler J. Robinson
Anthony Spinazola
Sean F. Swift
Jonathan P. Tays
Francis P. Teehan
Robert J. Trudel
William R. Walsh

Rebecca A. McCarthy
John J. McGeown

Gary R. White
Ernest R. Woessner

Full Time Civilian Dispatchers

Robert A. Caron, Jr.
David J. DeFreitas
Richard Demers
Frederick F. Flynn, Jr.

Francis P. Kelly, Jr.
Michael P. Nelson
Kevin R. Proulx
Christian W. Seminatore
William H. Vaughan

Departmental Assistant

Mary Jane Grant

Principal Clerks

Donna A. Fox
Sandra A. Hall

Senior Clerk

Diane M. Morgan

RECEIPTS TURNED OVER TO THE TOWN

Permits, fines, and fees	44,676.50
Lowell District Court Revenue	12,761.00
Registry of Motor Vehicles Disbursements	165,015.00
Total	222,452.50

BREAKDOWN OF ARRESTS

Adult Arrests	512
Juvenile Arrests	48
Total Arrests	560

Whites Arrested	491
Blacks Arrested	26
Asians Arrested	26
Unknown Arrested	17
Charges Lodged Against Those Arrested	1,171

DISPOSITION OF CASES

Pending	1,074
Continued	8
Dismissed	151
Default	5
Guilty	182
Placed on File	147
Not Guilty	3
Placed in ASAP	0
Placed on Probation	14
Restitution Ordered	1
Turned Over to Other Agency	15
Continued Without Finding	142
Committed to D.Y.S.	0
Total Findings	1,742

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

Calls Answered by Cruisers	23,521
Summons Served	351

Accidents Reported	1,419
Fatal Accidents.....	0
Personal Injury Accidents	194
Mileage of Cruisers	582,000
Station Lockups	599
Citations Issued.....	4,211
Parking Violations Issued	445
Restraining Orders Served	100
Protective Custody.....	39
Alarm Calls Responded to by Cruisers	2,367

ACHIEVEMENTS

The Chelmsford Police Department was extremely busy over the past year with significant increased in calls for service as well as arrests and citations issued. In spite of the increase demand, the men and women of the Police Department reduced the overall crime rate in Chelmsford by 16%. In an effort to further our Community Policing efforts, full time Officers have been assigned to Central and Vinal Squares. Also, Patrol Officers are assigned to specific areas for an entire year and a team-policing concept has been instituted.

The Police Department received the following Grants for year 2000:

1. Federal Universal Cops Hiring Grant	100,000.00
2. State Community Policing Grant	42,000.00
3. State D.A.R.E. Grant.....	13,000.00
4. Governor's Highway Safety Grant	5,000.00
5. School Violence Grant (STARS).....	20,000.00

The Police Station site work has been completed and construction should begin in spring 2001. Computerization in the cruisers has been expanded to ten marked units. Officers now have access to valuable information in a matter of seconds.

Our Crime Mapping Program is completed and being utilized. The Department Web Page is being updated and will take on a new look for 2001.

Special Millennium Chelmsford Police Badges were worn for year 2000 then retired on December 31, 2000.

RETIREMENTS

Officer Russell (Butch) Linstad retired after 32 years of service to the Town. Butch worked as a Patrol Officer, Juvenile Officer and a Community Policing Bicycle Officer. He was also one of the original members of the NEMLEC Tactical Police Force Unit. The members of the department wish Russ and his family well and thank them for their dedication and sacrifices.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Chelmsford Police Department, in partnership with our community are committed to maintaining the peace, protecting life and property, and providing professional law enforcement and crime prevention services. We accept the challenge of reducing the fear of crime by the prevention of criminal activity. We shall provide these services with compassion, dignity, and a proficiency within the framework of the United States Constitution. To enhance the quality of life for all citizens, we will cooperate with other agencies and groups to resolve community concerns. To fulfill our mission, the Chelmsford Police Department will provide a supportive work environment that fosters the professional development of its members.

Service will be our commitment...

Honor and Integrity our mandate.

GOALS

1. To take occupancy of the New Police Facility on or before July 1, 2002.
2. To finalize the Police Department computerization process including e-mail capabilities with other Town Officers and expanding the Police Department web page.
3. To minimize the traffic congestion that will result from major road construction (Route 3 and Central Square improvements) through planning and cooperation from local and state officials.
4. To provide the youth of Chelmsford with the necessary skills to resist drugs and violence.

OBJECTIVE

To provide the citizens of Chelmsford the safest community within the Commonwealth by education, enforcing the laws and eliciting community participation and cooperation.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen, and all sworn officials, departments and committees for the excellent cooperation given to the Police Department.

I would also congratulate both sworn and non-sworn personnel of this Department for outstanding performance of duty.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Raymond G. McCusker

Fire Department

DEPARTMENTAL PERSONNEL

FIRE CHIEF
John E. Parow

DEPUTY CHIEF
James A. Sousa
Michael F. Curran

CAPTAINS

James M. Spinney *
Charles A. Schramm
Michael Burke

Richard Miller
James P. Boormeester
Walter F. Adley

FIREFIGHTERS

William Amundson
William Bacon
Christopher Brothers
Thomas Brothers
William Cady
David Campbell
William Campbell
Jeff Cancellia
Jack Carroll
Anthony Cincevich
David Clancy
Kevin Clarke
F. Mark Conlin
Daniel Corey
James Curran
William Curran
William Dalton
Brian Daly
John DePalma *
Michael Donoghue
Bruce Donovan
Donald A. Drew
James Durkin
Jesse Foster
Daniel Funaro
Robert Gardner
Daniel Ubele

David Hadley
Henry Houle
William Jamer
Dennie Keohane
William Keohane
John Kivlan
Raymond Kydd
Cynthia Leczynski
Daniel Manley
Leo Manley
Leslie Merrill
Edward Nolet
Kevin O'Brien
Marc Pare
Donnie Peterson
Daniel Reid, Sr.
Daniel Reid, Jr.
James Reid
John Reid
Michael Ridlon
Rick Rivard
John Robinson
Gary Ryan
George Ryan
Kevin Sheehy
Brian Stanton

DEPT. ASSISTANT
Martha A. DeSaulnier
* retired in 2000

MECHANIC
James Keeley

In calendar year 2000, the Chelmsford Fire Department responded to 4,580 calls, an increase of 165 calls over 1999. Although structure fires remained constant, total fires decreased. Medical Aid calls accounted for the largest increase this year over last, totaling 2,134 calls.

The department's policy of sending all newly hired firefighters to the Massachusetts Fire Academy Recruit Training Program was very evident this year Six (6) firefighters graduated from the eleven (11) week program Firefighter Jeff Cancelli graduated number one in his class In addition, three (3) firefighters attended training and became State certified Emergency Medical Technicians

Firefighter Donnie Peterson headed the Student Awareness Fire Education (S.A F E) program this year He was assisted by Firefighters Michael Donoghue, John Kivlan and Will Amundson Over 1,500 preschool, kindergarten and first graders were taught the importance of fire safety Additionally, Firefighter Peterson organized the 7th Annual Fire Prevention Open House, in October, with over 500 residents in attendance

During the year two department members retired, Captain James Spinney, a 34 year veteran and Firefighter John DePalma, a 30 year veteran Three firefighters were also hired to fill open vacancies, Firefighter Brian Daly, Thomas Brothers and Robert Gardner I wish the retirees well on their retirement and welcome the new firefighters on board with the hopes of a long and safe career.

The tragic Worcester warehouse fire that killed six (6) Worcester firefighters brought to light the importance of new technology and the ability to rescue lost or trapped firefighters at a fire scene This past year the local Lions Club along with the firefighter Union, Local 1839, purchased a Thermal Imaging camera for the department to aid in search and rescue efforts. The Town matched this donation, giving the department two Thermal Imaging cameras This new technology will greatly enhance our ability to rescue civilians and firefighters alike.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my support staff, department members, other Town departments, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager and the residents of Chelmsford for their help and cooperation over the past year

Respectfully submitted,
John E Parow, Fire Chief

YR	A	B	O	MA	I	S	FA	M	TOTAL
1991	70	7	153	18	706	1128	76	771	2979
1992	63	39	99	19	755	983	76	821	2855
1993	59	29	103	29	758	1193	128	885	3184
1994	88	46	100	11	842	1142	70	1127	3426
1995	100	52	114	28	852	953	4	1445	3548
1996	67	66	74	14	973	1441	3	1609	4247
1997	56	36	97	17	808	1406	0	1724	4144
1998	50	53	113	15	780	1399	2	1841	4253
1999	47	40	127	23	842	1361	0	1975	4415
2000	37	39	81	22	903	1364	0	2134	4580

YR = YEAR

A = AUTO FIRE

B = BUILDING FIRE

O = OUTSIDE FIRE

MA = MUTUAL AID

I = INVESTIGATION

S = SERVICE

FA = FALSE ALARM

M = MEDICAL AID

Auxiliary Police

The Police Auxiliary Unit assisted the regular force at many motor vehicle accidents and assisted with over a dozen Town sponsored events. The Officers donated a total of 12,223 man-hours performing their assigned duties. "Operation Property Check" was a tremendous success helping to keep vandalism to a minimum. The statistics were:

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
Vacant house checks	1,820	1,050
School Property Checks	8,736	9,820
Town Property Checks	<u>17,472</u>	<u>15,308</u>
	28,028	26,176

This preventative patrol saves property owners and the town thousands of dollars annually by reducing malicious destruction.

I would like to thank all members of the Auxiliary Unit for a great effort this past year. The members of the Auxiliary Unit are as follows:

Caron, Robert A.
 Doole, Steven
 Elie, Richard C.
 Goyette, Richard R.
 Hansom, Jason P.
 Holsinger, Ronald C.
 Kulisich, Peter D.
 Pacella, Corina
 Peal, Thomas

Proulx, Kevin
 Ravanis, Peter J.
 Roscoe, Ralph
 Seminatore, Christian W.
 Thomas, Matthew D.
 Tousignant, Leo
 Tyler, David W.
 Walsh, Kathleen A.
 Windhol, John

Respectfully submitted,
 Sergeant Francis P. Kelly

Animal Control Officer

	1999	2000
Citizen complaints answered.....	897	869
Dogs picked up and taken to pound	74	65
Dogs returned to owners	55	55
Dogs adopted after 10 days	0	0
Stray dogs disposed of at the Lowell Humane Society	19	10
Road kills disposed of at the Lowell Humane Society	91	192
Violation citations issued	8	16
Animal bite reports.....	41	15
Total miles traveled.....	12,939	13,656
Dogs licensed for 2000	3,184	3,105
Value of citation fines	300.00	450.00
Other funds turned into the town	750.00	855.00

The year 2000 was a busy one. While citizens complaints decreased for the second year in a row, many other categories increased. One noticeable increase was the disposal of road kills, which more than doubled. Disposal of these animals is done at a cost to the Town through the Lowell Humane Society.

The Animal Control Officer receives numerous calls regarding removal of animals from chimneys, under porches, or inside attics. This function, however, must be performed by a private organization such as Pest Control Services.

I would remind all pet owners that it is their responsibility to insure that their pets are properly vaccinated. If you own a dog, it must be leashed or under your control at all times.

I would like to thank the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen, and all the members of the Police Department for all their support.

Respectfully submitted,
 Franklin E. Warren
 Animal Control Officer

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works consists of several Divisions including the highway, engineering, recreation, public buildings, parks, public shade trees and the sewer.

Engineering Division

Members:

James E. Pearson, PE	Director & Town Engineer
George LeMasurier	Assistant Town Engineer
Bruce Schnepfer	Engineer/ Inspector
Gail A. Hartwell	Departmental Assistant
Mary Lou Landry	Part-time II

2000 was a busy year for this division. Fourteen (14) site plans along with six (6) subdivision plans and sixteen (16) Approval- Not-Required Plans were reviewed. Thirty- one (31) construction sites were inspected for the Planning Board.

The engineering division provided layout, grades, technical assistance, and inspections for the Highway Division and for the subcontractors hired for the construction of sidewalks on Acton Road, Dalton Road, Maple Road and on Middlesex Street; for the reconstruction of the tennis and basketball courts at the South Row School; and for the improvements associated with the veteran memorials at Concord Road and also at Main Street. The Engineering Division also responded to drainage concerns from residents of the town, Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and assisted the Highway Division on numerous improvement projects.

At the end of July an Engineer/Inspector was added to our Division. Bruce Schnepfer comes to us with many years of engineering and construction experience. Some of his duties include the inspections of street openings by utility contractors including the Water Departments within the town. During this five-month period ninety-seven (97) inspections kept Bruce very busy. All requests for tree concerns from residents are also handled within this Division. An engineer determines who owns each tree and if safety issues are a concern. The work is assigned to a certified tree company to safety prune the tree or if necessary, remove the tree. Town shade trees are not removed unless the arborist recommends the removal of a tree. Over sixty-eight tree requests were completed during this same time period.

Payrolls, expense vouchers and budgeting for all divisions except the Highway Division are performed in this office. The office staff also handles a myriad of questions, complaints, and information requests either in person, via telephone and more recently, over the computer.

Public Buildings Division

Members:

Theodore Godfroy	Superintendent
Donald Guillemette	Maintenance Specialist
Bernard Murphy	Maintenance Specialist

The Public Buildings Division maintains all public buildings in town. This division performs the everyday custodial duties as well as the updating of buildings to meet the ever-changing needs. This division also accommodates Board of Selectmen meetings, various town committees, commissions and multiple group meetings ensuring no conflicts with dates, times and meeting rooms. Snow removal during the winter months can also keep the staff very busy.

Along with the daily duties performed, a systematic floor care program has been implemented. Other duties include furniture repair, mechanical repair, repair of ceilings, walls, woodwork and painting and general “handy work” around the various buildings.

This year’s special projects:

Town Offices

- Nine offices were freshly painted and the 15 year-old carpeting in each office was replaced.
- The gym floor was newly sanded and refinished.
- The Planning Board and Credit Union offices were relocated to facilitate town operations.
- Ongoing work for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act continues.

Old Town Hall

- The offices were freshly painted and the carpeting was replaced.
- A new stage curtain was installed.

The Public Building staff is also involved in numerous projects throughout the year some of these include Winterfest, Student Government Day, recycle drop-off and the 4th of July celebration.

Parks Division

Members:

Ed Jamros
Randy Boisvert

Groundskeeper
Laborer

The Parks Division maintains all parks, traffic islands, ballfields, playgrounds and commons in town. The grounds are groomed each spring and prepared for the heavy use each area receives during the year. This Division also prepares the Town Common for the annual July 4th celebration as well as the cleanup and restoring of damaged areas resulting from an abundance of activities throughout the year.

Special projects this year included:

Southwell Field

- A new walking path was built courtesy of Friends of Southwell.
- The building was freshly painted by the Parks staff.
- New clay infields were installed with help from Engineering and Highway crews.
- Parking lot lights were installed with the help of Massachusetts Electric.

East Chelmsford Park

- New fencing around the playground was installed thanks to Merrimack Education Center.

Varney Park

- Thanks to Varney Restoration Committee, the Town and numerous volunteers and donations, a new playground was erected. A special thanks to Bob and Trish Kahl for their exhaustive effort and determination.

Roberts Field

- With the help of Chelmsford High Community Help Program the playground parking lot was seal-coated.

Thank you to all who participated in the Adopt-a-Park program this year. This year, Dick Codling, Stony Brook Landscaping, LifeSavers, all assisted with the care and maintenance of a traffic island. A special thanks goes to Charles and Jeanne Parlee who have worked with us to improve the common in South Chelmsford. The Parlees donated the underground irrigation system, landscaping and plantings, and have been providing the weekly maintenance as well. They have also been working on a new granite post and wood rail fence and watering trough which, when completed, will make the common resemble its appearance from archived photos of the 1800's.

Sewer Division

Members:

Michael Vosnakis
James Casparro
Daniel Belkas
Rick Rowsell
David Palmer
Evelyn Newman
Jacqueline Sheehy
Amy Baron
Heather Callery
John Kobelenz

Operations Supervisor
Sewer Inspector
Maintenance Mechanic
Maintenance Mechanic
Maintenance Laborer
Departmental Assistant
Departmental Assistant
Senior Clerk
Part-time Clerk I
Safety Plumbing Inspector

The Sewer Division continued to expand this year with the addition of 631 new sewer connections, bringing the total of on-line sewer users to 6634. The Abbott Lane pump station went online during this year bringing the total number of active pump stations to 19. Major work items this year include:

- Grinders at Katrina and Southwell rebuilt
- Wetwell cleaning at Katrina and Southwell
- Progress Avenue pump overhauls

The operations staff performs sewer connection inspections, maintenance, repairs, and upgrades of the sewer pumping stations and sewer lines as they become necessary. They also perform building grounds maintenance to the pump stations as well as any other duties that keep the collection system operating smoothly.

The office staff handles all sewer betterments, sewer billing, phone inquiries, complaints and other related correspondence. They also perform all the clerical work for the elected Chelmsford Sewer Commission. With the ongoing sewer construction and the hundreds of sewer connections each year it is one of the busiest places in Town Hall.

There were some staffing changes this year. Mike Vosnakis took over as Operations Supervisor in April, Amy Baron filled the position as Senior Clerk left open by Irene Oczkowski's move to the Highway Division, Maintenance Mechanic Rick Rowsell and Maintenance Laborer Dave Palmer transferred from the Highway Division. The Sewer Division will miss Evelyn Newman who retired after decades of dedicated service to the Town. Evelyn was extremely talented, dedicated and professional in all her duties. The entire staff wishes her a healthy and happy retirement.

Highway Division

Members:

Administration:

John Long
Larry Ferreira
Irene Oczkowski

Superintendent
Foreman
Principal Clerk

Drivers:

Todd Chase
David Eacrett
Bryan Edwards
Gregory Gullage
David Irvine
James Knight
Thomas Ryan
David Silva
David Tyler
Paul Winegar

Operators:

Gary Beaulieu
Audie Boudreau
Joseph Eriksen
Dennis Greenwood
Raymond Maybury

Mechanics:

John Ferreira, Lead Mechanic
Richard Jensen

Laborer:

Kenneth Burroughs

The Highway Division maintains and improves all the streets, culverts, catch basins and manholes, street signs, traffic signs and traffic signals for approximately 230 miles of roadway. Additionally, the Highway Division clears the streets and public lots of snow and ice and assists the other departments with the division's equipment and expertise of the crew. The office maintains all financial records needed for the reporting, tracking, payments of all vouchers connected with the highway budget, including General Expenses, Salaries, Snow and Ice, Massachusetts Chapter 90 Funding, Street Lighting and Capital Expenditures.

Streets Resurfaced

Acton Road

Dalton Road

Mill Road

All the drainage facilities on the resurfaced streets were reconstructed prior to resurfacing along with drainage improvements on Middlesex Street and Maple Road. Approximately 5,500 L.F. of sidewalks were constructed on Acton Road, Middlesex Street and Maple Road. In addition approximately 2,000 S.F. of sub-drains were installed on Sleigh Road. Culverts were replaced on Industrial Avenue and Alpha Road. Also all drains in the sewer area were reconstructed prior to the pavement overlay by the Sewer Commission in South and East Chelmsford.

The Highway Department helped with the completion of the Skateboard Park at McCarthy School. They spent many hours reconstructing the Tennis and Basketball Courts at South Row School. The division also constructed the two softball fields at Southwell Field and two softball fields for the School Department.

Closing:

This year the Department took special pleasure in its involvement on two projects in particular. The first was with helping the Varney Park Restoration Committee with the construction of the playground. Members of all divisions worked from noon until 8 PM as volunteers on the construction. Members strapped on work belts and hammered, sanded, cut, dug, prepared snacks, routed, did whatever job was assigned by the supervisor of construction. Afterwards the crew returned to the Highway garage for a well-earned dinner.

The second notable project was the relocation reconstruction of the Rudolph Harold LeFebvre, Jr. memorial at Concord Road and the construction of the memorial to brothers Allan and Herbert Clark at Main Street. All three men were Chelmsford servicemen killed in the line of duty, Mr. LeFebvre in the Korean War and the Clark brothers in World War II. All DPW divisions played a role in either the planning, engineering, construction, cleanup, or landscaping, culminating with Ted Godfroy of the Public Buildings division singing the National Anthem at the dedication ceremony.

We thankfully acknowledge the three Water Districts for their ongoing cooperation, the Police and Fire Departments for their assistance, the Adopt-a-Park volunteers, and the Sewer Commission with whom ongoing infrastructure improvements are coordinated.

Finally I would like to thank all the staff members for their dedication and professionalism in servicing the needs of the town and its residents.

Respectfully submitted,
James E. Pearson, PE
Director of Public Works

EDUCATION

Public Schools



School Committee:

Front Row: Judith Mallette, Mary Jo Griffin, Dr. Richard Moser, Superintendent

Back Row: Evelyn Thoren, James Trager, Sheila Pichette

The membership of the Chelmsford School Committee at the end of the 2000 calendar year included Mrs. Mary Jo Griffin, Chair; Mrs. Judith Mallette, Vice Chair; Mr. Jim Trager, Secretary; Mrs. Sheila Pichette, Member at Large; Mrs. Evelyn Thoren, Member at Large; and Daniel Yang, Student Representative. Central administration for the Chelmsford School Department included Dr. Richard Moser, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Karen Mazza, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Bernie DiNatale, Director of Information and Technology Services; Mr. Robert Cruickshank, Business Manager; and Mrs. Dory Toppan, Director of Personnel.

The most salient issue of importance to the future of the Chelmsford Schools during 2000 has been the on-going work of the Chelmsford Building Needs Committee (BNC). The BNC is a committee of town officials, school committee members, parents and school department staff who have been working with an architectural firm, Drummey Rosanne Anderson, Inc. for the purpose of analyzing the need for facility improvements to the Chelmsford Schools.

The work of the BNC has concluded with the development of a master plan for facility improvements in the years ahead. The master plan has included several important recommendations. Summary statements include the following.

Elementary Schools

- Maintain five K - 4 elementary schools at the current locations. Monitor the enrollment at the elementary level. If enrollment increases significantly, consider the use of temporary classrooms as an interim strategy until the completion of renovations and new additions at the secondary level.
- Maintain separate spaces for art, music, and computer instruction.
- Implement the maintenance and capital plan program recommended by the Building Needs Committee.

Middle Schools

- Consider a major renovation and new construction to the McCarthy Middle School to meet enrollment projections and program priorities.
- Two additions to the existing school would provide newly designed space for art and science instruction. At the same time renovation to the existing building will improve instructional space for other disciplines and prepare the building for another forty years of service to Chelmsford students.
- Consider new construction and renovation to Parker Middle School in an effort to provide sufficient space for classroom instruction, school administration and library services.

Chelmsford High School

- Consider new construction to include a performing arts center, as well as art and science instruction.
- Renovate vacated space to meet other program needs in English, math, foreign language, special education and other disciplines.
- Commit to the implementation of the maintenance and capital plan as recommended by the BNC.

Related Recommendations

- Relocate five per-school classrooms to another location in order to provide sufficient instructional space for a growing student enrollment.
- Maintain the School Department Central Office in the lower wing of Chelmsford High School.

The next step of the facilities initiative is to seek additional funds for an architectural study for a preliminary design for building renovations and new construction at the three secondary schools. The end product of the preliminary design is a proposal that could be brought forward for Town approval.

The Chelmsford School Committee is appreciative of the two-year commitment of the Building Needs Committee. Committee membership included: Tom Moran, Bill Dalton, Bernie Lynch, Clare Jeannotte, Mary Frantz, Judy Mallette, Evelyn Thoren, Bev Barrett, Kevin Porter, Kit Harbison, Steve Meidell, Bob Bennett, Kathy Helean, Jane Gilmore, Karen Mazza, and Dick Moser.

The year 2000 also brought the service of three new school principals: Irene Hannigan at the South Row Elementary School, Denise Holmes at the McCarthy Middle School, and Frank Tiano at the Westlands Elementary School.

The Chelmsford School Committee continues to commit to the mission of our school system for all students..... "to cultivate the development of students into self-confident, lifelong learners and responsible citizens who possess personal integrity and the ability to succeed in a global society." The Committee welcomes input from our community on school programs and looks forward to a positive end to the 2000-01 school year.

IN CONCLUSION:

The School Committee wishes to extend deep appreciation to the following staff members for their years of loyal and meritorious service and who have retired this past year:

TEACHERS:

High School:

Joseph Ford	Math
Elizabeth J. Foster	English
Deidre E. Sousa	Home Economics

Middle School:

Calista Coady	Special Education	McCarthy School
Mary Denise Dunn	Reading	McCarthy School
Beverly Hedison	Reading	McCarthy School
Delores Kricker	Special Needs	McCarthy School
Carol A. Munroe	Grade 6	McCarthy School
Carol A. Miller	Music	Parker School
Ruth Sykes-Allenby	Art	McCarthy School

Elementary School:

Janet Kattar	Grade 2	Byam School
Mary Alice Desclos	Grade 4	Center School
Kathryn A. Spooner	Grade 4	Westlands School

Administrators:

Charlene Betourney	Principal	McCarthy School
Jeffrey Murray	Principal	South Row School

Support Staff Personnel:

Margaret Cornell	Administrative Assist.	Central Office Administration
Natalye B. Cease	Clerk	McCarthy School
Bette DiPrimio	Secretary	Center School
Claire Lynch	Secretary	Community Education Office

IN MEMORIAM:

The Community and the School Department were deeply grieved by the death of Richard L. Hentz, Principal of McCarthy Middle School. He will long be remembered for his devotion to the children of the Town of Chelmsford.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Richard H. Moser, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Nashoba Valley Technical High School

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Administration

Judith L. Klimkiewicz
Victor Kiloski
Joseph Costa
Charla Boles
Carol Hiedenrich
Robert Campbell
Kent Forty
George Kalarites

Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent/Principal
Business Manager
Director of Pupil Personnel
Director of Technology
Director of Community Outreach
Dean of Students
Facilities Manager

School Committee

Peter Bagni	Chelmsford	Alternates	
Sharon Shanahan	Chelmsford		
Samuel Poulten - secretary	Chelmsford	TBD	Littleton
TBD	Groton	Joy Dalrymple	Pepperell
Augustine Kish	Littleton	Irene Machemer	Townsend
Hajo Koester	Westford	Heidi Shultz	Shirley
Barbara Sherritt	Townsend	Deborah D'Agostino	Groton
Irene Machemer	Townsend	Frank Heslin	Westford
Joan O'Brien	Westford		
Garry Ricard- Chairman	Pepperell	<i>* Div VIII Liaison: S. Poulten</i>	
Jerrilyn Bozicas	Pepperell		
Al Buckley	Pepperell		
Steve Wood	Shirley		
Mark McNulty	Shirley		

SCHOOL DATA

Type: Public, regional, four-year vocational technical high

Student Enrollment:	As of October 1, 2000	
Chelmsford		108
Groton		52
Littleton		12
Pepperell		120
Shirley		34
Townsend		96
Westford		58
Ayer		27
School Choice		57
	Total Enrollment	565

Accreditation : New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

College Board Code Number : 222-333

Faculty : fifty-nine certified teachers Pupil Teacher Ratio : 10:1

Calendar Three twelve-week trimesters. Eight 45 minute periods, five days per week.
The school schedule alternates one week of academic classes with a week in a vocational-technical program for grades ten through twelve.

Vocational-Technical Programs

Autobody Repair	Graphic Communications
Automotive Technology	Horticulture/Landscape Design
Banking, Marketing & Retail	Hotel/Restaurant Management
Construction/Cabinet Making	Machine Tool Technology
Culinary Arts	Medical Occupations
Computer Aided Drafting/Design	Metal Fabrications
Dental Assistant	Office Technology
Early Childcare Education	Painting & Decorating/Interior Design
Electrical Technology	Plumbing/Heating
Electronics/Robotics	Pre-Engineering

SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

College preparatory courses are available In all core subjects

Foreign language is offered all four years for interested students.

Juniors who are eligible may elect to enter the Dual Enrollment Program and take their junior and senior year at a community or state college facility in Massachusetts or New Hampshire. Upon completion, they receive their high school diploma from Nashoba and one or two years of credit from the college.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Nashoba sponsors an extensive program in intra-scholastic sports including varsity teams in ten sports with equal opportunities for male and female students. Other activities include Student Council, National Honor Society, Yearbook, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Skills USA, Student Leadership, peer mediation, and many special interest clubs. Nashoba sports programs have **no user fees**.

The Kids Career Exploration Program

A free program for Four afternoons from 3-6 PM offering students in grades five, six, and seven an opportunity to explore career opportunities in many areas such as Electrical Technology, Medical Occupations, Culinary Arts, Office Technologies, and World Language (Spanish). Programs are subject to change from year to year.

Continuing & Community Education

Approximately fifteen hundred adults attend this evenings run program a school year.

Summer Programs

Nashoba Valleys Allstars Summer Program is offered to 5th, 6th, and 7th graders in the area. Students enjoy outdoor adventures, sports programs, computer applications & graphics, and academic enrichment.

HUMAN SERVICES

Council on Aging

Members:

Joe Warburton, Chairperson
Elizabeth McCarthy, Vice Chairperson
John Clancy
Catherine Goodwin
Joan LaTourneau
Ray Palmer

Jean McCaffery, Clerk
Richard Condike
Robert Grippo
Elizabeth Marshall
Donna Pechulis

As witnesses to time and change, we crossed, as a society, over the threshold of a new millennium. For those of us who are practitioners and administrators in the aging network, it has been an era of challenge, growth and constant assessment. Over the past twenty-five years, there has been considerable program development and financial support from all levels of government. And the reality for our future is just beginning. Longevity with all of its positives will bring forth an abundance of questions resounding off the walls of our schools, churches and governing agencies. Sheer numbers in combination with that demographic bulge called the “baby boom” will force aging issues to become an even greater priority. It will be interesting. Our efforts over this past year give statistical support to the level of growth in this continuum of care.

Adult Social Day Program	2,877 (client days) 42 elders
Congregate Lunch	45,553 meals, Avg. daily: 187
Elder Home Repairs	68 repairs—54 seniors
Friendly Visitor Program	1,360 hrs. — 52 participants
Health Benefits Counseling	384 seniors/Insurance Sr. Pharmacy Applications
Other Health Services	1,278 seniors, Flu Clinics Podiatry/Hearing
Outreach (home visits, shopping assistance)	15-20 seniors each week
Meals on Wheels	16,197 meals Avg. daily: 66
Transportation (medical/day care/sr. ctr.)	9,192 single trips: 184 seniors
Respite/Companion Care	19,874 provider hours---87 Clients
Trips—Recreational	44 trips—Avg. 46 seniors
Tax & Fuel Assistance	176 seniors benefited from these services

IN GRATITUDE Our Center is recognized throughout the Merrimack Valley and the Commonwealth as one of the best. It is the result of many factions working together, sharing the vision, and involving themselves in the compassionate result. It is the work of the Council on Aging with their dedication, direction and personal support. It is the Board and members of the Friends of the Senior Center who unselfishly give of themselves to raise money and support the Center—annually contributing over \$100,000 for programs, services and building improvements. It is our aging staff who consistently and generously brings their professional competencies and caring attitudes in response to the many needs of our seniors. It is the 270 active volunteers who quietly give of themselves throughout the year, last year contributing over 36,940 hours of service. It is you, the residents and taxpayers of Chelmsford, who support and believe in our work. It is a good feeling that flows from the human spirit.

Thankfully submitted,
Martin J. Walsh
Director

Veterans' Emergency Fund Committee

The Veterans' Emergency Fund was established in 1947 and has been in existence for fifty-three years. Various veterans of World War II have been assisted during this period of time. Applications for assistance should be sent to the Veterans' Agent of the town. Assistance, when granted after investigation and review, is in the form of material grants. No cash grants are approved.

The present membership of the committee is:

Precinct 1	Rober P Laporte
Precinct 2	Carl J Lebedzinski
Precinct 3	John J Kenney
Precinct 4	Thomas E Firth, Jr.
Precinct 5	Frederick H Reid
Precinct 6	Alfred H Coburn
Precinct 7	Allan H Greenhalgh
Precinct 8	Neal C Stanley
Precinct 9	Lloyd C Greene, Jr.

Veterans' Emergency Fund

Treasurer's report to the board of selectmen and the town manager from January 1st to December 31st, 2000.

Balance as of 1/1/2000.....	\$23,374.00
Add Receipts (Interest received)	\$772.08
Total	\$24,146.08

ASSETS

MassBank for Savings	\$24,146.08
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LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Assets, less Liabilities as of December 31, 2000	<u>\$24,146.08</u>

Veterans Services

Members:

Martin J. Walsh	Director
Regina B. Jackson	Assistant

The Chelmsford Veterans' Services Office provides short-term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families as mandated by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115. We can assist eligible, needy veterans with a monthly allowable grant and some medical coverage. The amount of assistance depends on the budget standards set by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Service. In CY2000 we averaged \$4,963 per month in benefits paid out. The State reimbursed Chelmsford 75% of the benefits. We have about 9 active cases per month. Our reimbursement from the State is paid quarterly and runs approximately 10 months behind the authorizations.

CY 2000 was an eventful year for Veterans' Services. In March we hosted a VA Health Benefits Enrollment Fair at the Senior Center. In July we coordinated a flag ceremony in conjunction with the Korean War Commemorative Community Program. This is a three-year program to honor our Korean War Veterans. In November we hosted the Rudolph H. LaFebvre Memorial Rededication ceremony in East Chelmsford. Also in November was the Clark Brothers Memorial dedication in North Chelmsford. These events along with the annual Memorial Day and Veterans' Day observances demonstrated the strong support veterans enjoy in our community. A veterans group meets at the Senior Center the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:00 - all are welcome.

Our office is located in the Community Center (Old Town Hall) in Chelmsford Center. This office is open M/W/F 8:30 – 4:00. Our phone number is #250-5238. If you need help when the office is closed call Marty Walsh at the Senior Center #251-8692. If you are unable to visit our office and need a home visit, please call and we will be happy to schedule a convenient time. Thank you.

TOWN COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

Arts & Technology Education Fund

Members:

Edward Morassi Financial Liaison (Chairman)
Beverly Barrett (Secretary)
Evelyn S. Thoren
George Ripsom
Angelo Taranto
Pamela Armstrong
Richard Moser Superintendent Of Schools

The 1996 Spring Town Meeting approved an amendment to their General By-Laws by adding Section 13 to Article VII entitled Chelmsford Arts and Technology Education Funds (ATEF). The purpose of this fund is to provide supplemental funding to support local educational initiatives and projects. Thanks to your generosity and support the ATEF has received well over \$30,000 since its inception in November 1996. The committee is currently working on investment strategies and researching other financial resources in order to create a lasting fund and insure continued and consistent awards.

Chelmsford is the first town to have a By-Law in place that specifies the application process, committee make-up and limitations. In June 2000 a seven member committee made awards to Elaine Farrow, Betty-Mae Flaherty, and Jeanne Manzi at the Westlands School for A Step into the 17th Century, Sharon Ryan at Harrington School for Grade 1 "Book Nook"; C. Panagiotakas, J. Rollins, S. SantaBarbara, and M. Winters at Center School for Solar System Simulator, Mary Donovan at Chelmsford High School for a Doll's House; Sandi Tuttle and McCarthy Tech Team at McCarthy Middle School for Inspiration and Visual Thinking; and Marylyn Sweeney at the five elementary schools for Kid Video. The Spring 2001 Applications and copies of the applications along with the By-Law were distributed in January 2001 to each school. The committee received completed applications by March 31, 2001. Teachers and School Councils apply for these funds. Awards will be announced in June 2001.

The concept of using tax check-offs for an alternative funding source for education was initiated by Arlington's veteran Town Treasurer, John Bilafer, under a Home Rule Petition over twelve years ago. Since this was accepted, over fifty towns in Massachusetts have adopted the statute Chapter 60. Chelmsford became involved in the process of adopting Chapter 60 through the efforts of Anthony Volpe, a member of the Chelmsford School Committee.

Chelmsford uses a separate tear-off sheet in the excise and real estate tax bills as the method to elicit voluntary contributions to enhance the education of Chelmsford Public School students. The collected money does not become part of the school budget. The Town Treasurer disperses the funds under the direction of the ATEF Committee. Information sheets are available in the Town Offices.

The contributions* that you give have and will continue to make a difference in the education of our children ... our future taxpayers.

*These contributions may be tax deductible. Please contact your tax consultant.

Celebrations Committee

Walter R. Hedlund, Chairman
James K. Gifford
Robert J. Kelley
David Marderosian
Jeffrey W. Stallard

The 33rd. Annual, Three Day 2000 Fourth of July Celebration was once again a Hugh Success, thanks to the Chelmsford Lions Club for Center Common Activities, Chelmsford Lodge of Elks No. 2310 for a Great Parade, Chelmsford Art Society for the Art Show, Chelmsford Community Band and many other Chelmsford Volunteer Organizations. Special Thanks to the Chelmsford Auxiliary Police and Explorers Troop who volunteered many hours.

Many thanks to Department Heads and Personnel of the Police, Fire, Highway and Park Departments and Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen.

The Celebrations Committee, is now in the Planning of the 34th. Annual Fourth of July Celebrations for the year 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter R. Hedlund, Chairman

Cemetery Commission

Members:

Jean R McCaffery, Chairman
Gerald L. Hardy
James F. Dolan

Cemetery Department Personnel:

John Sousa, Jr.	Superintendent
Jorge Caires	Working Foreman
Patrick Caires	Backhoe Operator
Eduardo Correia	Laborer
Sharon Smith	Part Time Clerk

Temporary Special Laborers: Claudio Caires, Robert O'Donnell, Brian Gallagher, and Casto Colon

The Cemetery Commission is pleased to report the following highlights and accomplishments of 2000 to the citizens of Chelmsford.

During the Summer, the Cemetery staff worked in cooperation with a local contractor to restore water service at Pine Ridge Cemetery. Two new irrigation wells were installed replacing those that had been in service for 35 years. In addition, all major components were replaced at the Pine Ridge pumping station including two shallow well pumps and a compressor.

The Commission continued to seek grant funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the historic preservation of our Town's earliest cemeteries. The Massachusetts Historical Commission announced that Forefathers Burying Ground was selected as one of three cemeteries statewide to receive a matching grant of \$20,000 from the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund. Grant funds will be used to repair and reset 18th century slate gravestones and make structural repairs to two above-ground tombs.

In December, the Department of Environmental Management announced that Riverside Cemetery had been invited to participate in their Cemetery Preservation Initiative Program. Under this program, a preservation master plan will be developed for Riverside Cemetery, which was established in 1841, at no cost to the Town. The plan will address monument repairs, structural problems, and landscape improvement.

The Cemetery Commission would like to thank Eileen Johnson for her 21 years of dedicated service in the Cemetery Office and extend our best wishes to her for a happy and healthy retirement. We would like to welcome Sharon Smith to our office staff.

Congratulations to Patrick Caires on his promotion to the position of Backhoe Operator. The Commission offers our condolences to the family of Cesar de Caires who passed away in December. Cesar was employed at the Cemetery Department for 20 years before retiring in 1988. He will be missed by our staff and the many visitors who knew him by name.

There were 156 interments during the year including 37 cremation interments which accounted for 24% of total interments. There were 101 cemetery lots sold during the year which represents a 7% decrease in lot sales over 1999. The Cemetery Commission appreciates the Department Staff's efforts to keep Chelmsford's six cemeteries well-maintained and attractive burial places.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean R. McCaffery, Chairman

Commission On Disabilities

The Chelmsford Commission on Disabilities held 10 meetings during the past year. Meetings are held in the Town Offices on the third Tuesday of each month (excluding August and December) at 7:30 P.M. We may be reached at 250-9689 or through the Town Web Site (townhall.chelmsford.ma.us). In addition "Access Issue Feedback" forms are located in the Town Offices, Senior Center and both Libraries.

- With regrets The Commission accepted the resignation of Suzanne Donahue, Frederick Marcks, and Ralph Hickey. Mr. Hickey, ADA Coordinator for the Town of Chelmsford, continues his role on The Commission as an ex officio member. We are pleased to report Mr. Bernard Lynch, Town Manager, Has appointed Ms. Laureen Burgess, Mr. David Singer and Mr. Richard Johnson as members to the Commission.

- We had the opportunity to provide technical aid. equipment for VISION IMPAIRED VOTERS located at each precinct on November 7th for the Presidential Election. Our mission is to restore the ability of our vision impaired to mark their own secret ballot. An unexpected benefit was the opportunity for hundreds of other voters to experience a greater insight into disabilities which they may not have realized before. We have formed an on going subcommittee dedicated to researching other options for future elections. Our thanks to the Town Clerk's Office, The Board of Registrars and especially our Volunteers.

- In November we were further privileged to be the Hosts for a 2-day COMMUNITY ACCESS MONITOR TRAINING PROGRAM presented by the Massachusetts Office on Disability. After many months of planning and organizing completed by the CCOD and with the help of Town Manager Bernard Lynch and his staff, we welcomed many Town Officials and Private Citizens from all over Eastern Massachusetts including Chelmsford. According to the State Office of MOD, the CCOD provided the most successful CAM Training Program in Eastern Massachusetts for the year 2000. Our Thanks to the Treasurer's Office, Accounting Department and Ted Godfroy, Superintendent of Public Buildings and once again to our Volunteers.

- CCOD's Scholarship Subcommittee finalized the paperwork for a CCOD SCHOLARSHIP to be awarded for a 2001 graduating student with disabilities. The Application Package is available at C.H.S. and Nashoba Valley Tech. H.S. With over 750 disabled students in the Town of Chelmsford we are delighted to be contributing to some of their educational needs. Our appreciation to Scott Johnson, Director of Guidance and Community Student Services for his input and advice.

- Along with these accomplishments we conducted "Business As Usual" addressing building, grounds and parking access issues as well as seeking out other opportunities to make Chelmsford a better place for the disabled.

The CCOD would again like to express their appreciation to Town Manager Bernard Lynch as well as our Board of Selectmen Liaison Stuart Weisfeldt and many other Town Officials and Citizens who have supported our efforts on behalf of our Disabled Community this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Fall - Chairman
Len Olenchak - Vice Chairman
Sandra Gardner Momaney - Secretary
Marti McCuller - Treasurer
Laureen Burgess
Dr. John Duggan
Richard M. Johnson
Patricia Raynor
David Singer
Linda Fall -associate member
Kathi Geisler - associate member
Ralph Hickey - A.D.A. Coordinator

Conservation Commission

Members:

David McLachlan, Chairman	Michael Jasinski
Marc Grant, Vice Chairman	William Vines
John Smaldone	Caroline Hampton
Andrew Sheehan, Community Development Coordinator	William R. (Bob) Greenwood
Alison McKay, Conservation Officer	

In 2000 the Conservation Commission welcomed two new members, William Vines and Caroline Hampton. They replaced Jodie Borghetti and Lynne Davis.

The Commission continued to make improvements to its reservations, town forests, and conservation lands. The Commission completed a forest inventory and management plan for Thanksgiving Forest and Russell Mill Forest. This was made possible through a Forest Stewardship Grant from the Department of Environmental Management. The Commission is now working with a consulting forester to evaluate a limited timber sale at Thanksgiving Forest in the winter of 2001-02. Also at Thanksgiving Forest, trails were partially reconstructed, a bridge was constructed across a wetland, and other improvements were made with the assistance and volunteer labor of the New England Mountain Bike Association. At the Lime Quarry Reservation, Eagle Scout candidate Josh Abbott constructed a bridge across a stream, completing the trail at that conservation area. Josh is one of several members of Troop 70 to complete Eagle Scout projects on conservation areas.

As has been the case for several decades, the majority of the Conservation Commission's time was devoted to wetlands protection. The Commission reviewed a total of 62 permit applications under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Chelmsford Wetlands Bylaw. Of these applications, 19 were Notices of Intent and 43 were Requests for Determination. In an effort to improve protection of wetlands in Chelmsford, the Commission successfully presented amendments to the Wetlands Bylaw to Town Meeting. These amendments were largely an effort to clarify existing provisions and eliminate inconsistencies in the Bylaw. The Commission also opened a dialogue with the Carlisle Conservation Commission to try to better manage the Cranberry Bog that straddles the common border.

The following is breakdown of wetlands permit applications since 1997:

	1997	1998	1999	2000
Requests for Determination	51	48	31	43
Notices of Intent	24	32	30	19
Total	75	80	61	62

Cultural Council

2001 Membership: Donna Thoene, Judy Jumpp, Carol Merriam, Linda Carney, Ronalee Sayers, Jeff Carney, Jaci Matzkin, Carolyn Wiljanen and Carol Kelly-Suleski. The Chelmsford Cultural Council is comprised of nine volunteers from the Chelmsford community who are appointed by the town manager.

The Chelmsford Cultural Council (CCC) is a local agency of the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), and was established to carry out the mission of the state agency by supporting programs that promote access, education, diversity and excellence in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. The CCC allocates state funds for these disciplines through a local re-granting program. The programs which the CCC chooses to fund help to improve the quality of life for our residents and contribute to the economic vitality of our community.

In 2000, the Chelmsford Cultural Council awarded 25 grants totaling \$17,779. This money is funding Arts programs in our schools, libraries, churches, local television, and the Community and Senior centers.

In addition to re-granting state funds, the Chelmsford Cultural Council continued its tradition of actively promoting the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences in Chelmsford through the following events:

- *funded the Alan Stone Quartet on Winterfest Weekend
- *organized and funded prize money for our annual photography contest which was displayed during Winterfest Weekend and enjoyed by hundreds of people
- *commissioned and oversaw the installation of a hand-crafted Craftsman-style display cabinet in Adams Library. Designed an application process for potential display candidates. Preliminary exhibits on hand-woven baskets and hand-made books were very successful.
- *funded Quintessential Brass at the Chelmsford Holiday Prelude festivities
- *presented the sixth annual "Angel-of-the-Arts" awards to Berna Finley and Jim Scarth for their support of and dedication to cultural programs in Chelmsford.
- *held a highly successful community input "brainstorming" session which brought together fifty community leaders in the Arts and Humanities to discuss projects which would benefit our town.

The CCC also applied for and received \$1340.00 through a Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) Matching-Funds program whereby the MCC will match some portion of any locally-raised funds. Our "matching" local funds came from the Town of Chelmsford.

Submitted by Donna Thoene, Chair

Finance Committee

Members:

Clare Jeannotte	Chairman
William Curry	Vice Chairman
Samuel Chase	
Mary Frantz	
William Gilet, Jr.	
Dwight Hayward	
Eugene Schwamb	

The Finance Committee is comprised of seven members who are appointed by the Town Moderator to three-year terms. The Finance Committee is the arm of Town Meeting whose primary mission is to study and make recommendations on the town budget and warrant articles to be considered by the Town Meeting Representatives.

There are two Town Meetings each year; the spring meeting commences on the last Monday in April and the fall meeting is held at the end of October. Prior to the Spring Town Meeting, the Town Manager presents his proposed budget and capital improvement program for the upcoming fiscal year with accompanying budget message and supporting documents to the Finance Committee.

Each Finance Committee member acts as a liaison to various town departments and boards. Prior to the public hearing, the Finance Committee liaison meets individually with the department head to review the department's budget request. Weekly hearings are held from December through April to hear, analyze and discuss departmental budgets and warrant articles. Each department or independent board is given the opportunity to present their budget and respond to questions and concerns raised by Finance Committee members. Based on its deliberations, the Committee makes a recommendation on each line item of the budget and each warrant article.

Similar to the budget hearings, the Committee also meets with petitioners, proponents and other interested parties, whether in support or opposition of proposed warrant articles that are to be considered at the Spring or Fall Town Meetings. After consideration of each warrant article, the Committee votes on its recommendation. In certain instances, when the article has no financial implication to the Town, the Committee may vote to make "no recommendation" on the article.

The recommendations of the Committee are published in the Spring and Fall Report Books, which are available to residents and Town Meeting Representatives. Additionally, the Report contains financial data specific to the Town and other useful information.

The Finance Committee also has one or more liaisons assigned to all major capital committees including the School Building Needs Committee and the Police Station. The liaisons are responsible for keeping the Committee informed about a project's progress and financial status.

In accordance with the Town Charter, "The duty of Town Meeting Representatives is to keep abreast of town business and review materials forwarded to them by the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager. It is expected that town meeting members will attend meetings of multiple member bodies, attend hearings held by the Finance Committee and actively prepare for each session of the town meeting." The Finance Committee both encourages and welcomes attendance and participation of town meeting members and residents at any of their meetings.

Historical Commission

The Chelmsford Historical Commission has again spent the year working on several projects including the annual "Preservation Day," historical signs and house inventories.

This past Preservation Day was held on the Center Common and included self tours of the Historic District, Forefathers' Burial Ground and Middlesex Canal Toll House. Special guests included a Revolutionary War reenactment group based right here in Chelmsford. Col. Knox's Light Artillery, which portrays an authentic Continental Army artillery unit, spent the day drilling, firing and giving demonstrations to the public.

The creation and placement of historic sign markers for houses in Town more than 100 years old is ongoing and should accelerate in the next year. If your house or building is more than 100 years old, contact us!

The process of house inventories is still ongoing. It is the goal of the Historical Commission to have an inventory, which includes dimensions, pictures, descriptions of interesting features, etc., for all buildings more than 100 years old. This aspect of the Commission's work is especially important as many of these buildings disappear every year.

The Commission is always looking for volunteers. If interested, leave us a note at the Town Clerk's office.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Prescott, Chairman
John Alden
John Goodwin
Tory Gullion
George Merrill
Martha Sanders
Jeff Stallard

Historic District Commission

Members:

Brenda Lovering, Chairman
Jack Handley, Vice Chairman
Kathleen Howe
Len Richards

John Alden, Alternate
Phil Currier, Alternate
Debra Belden Arndt, Clerk

The Historic District Commission functions as a regulatory commission for the benefit of the Town. A small area of the Town's center section is under the Commission's authority. The objective of the Historic District Commission is to provide an expeditious application and review relative to the physical modifications to the residences and businesses within the District. Regular meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at the Town Offices.

During the calendar year 2000, the Commission received 23 applications for review and 23 applications were accepted. Two public hearings were held and 21 public hearings were waived. Thirteen Certificates of Appropriateness and 10 Certificates of Non-Applicability were issued

Holiday Decorating Committee

Committee Members 2000

Linda Harrington, Chairman
Tink Nussbaum, Co-Chairman
Carol Gillette, Music
Ellen Donovan, Treasurer
Jean Kydd
Jacqueline Wunschel
Carrie Bacon
Iris Larssen
Ruthann Burkinshaw
Donna Ready
Lynn Lemaire
Jay Cahill
Gail Myers

Committee Members 2001

Linda Harrington, Chairman
Carol Gillette, Music
Ellen Donovan, Treasurer
Jacqueline Wunschel
Carrie Bacon
Iris Larssen
Ruthann Burkinshaw
Donna Ready
Lynn Lemaire
Jay Cahill
Gail Myers

Departmental Mission Statement:

The Holiday Decorating Committee is a group of volunteers who arrange and implement the Holiday Lighting and Prelude Ceremony in Chelmsford Center the first Sunday in December. The committee, with the help of several interested individuals and groups, physically put up and take down all the lights on the shrubs and trees on the Chelmsford common, the Old Town Hall and the Chelmsford Business District. In addition to the lighting the committee also organizes musical talent who volunteer their time, arrange the hay rides, assist "Piney the Talking Tree" and "Santa" with more than 500 children who come to see them.

Budget:

While the Town sanctions the Committee, we receive no funds and work from donations given to us by several groups and individuals. We are especially grateful this year to the Chelmsford Business Association, the Chelmsford Rotary Club, the Chelmsford Fire Union, the Chelmsford Police Union, The Lowell Five Cents Savings Bank and Sovereign Bank.

Goals and Objectives:

Our goal for the year 2001 is to have the fourth hayride added to the Center Business District to make the waiting time less for our increasing number of participants. We will have to secure the necessary funds to do this but feel we will be able to obtain our goal. We have increased our number of musical and vocal groups over the years and hope to continue receiving their much-appreciated talents for the upcoming year. We thank the Police Department, Police Auxiliary, Fire Department and the Highway Departments for their continued help and cooperation which has made our event possible and a huge success. We feel fortunate to have so many residents support our efforts and thank all those who give so freely of their time and talents to make this once a year event possible.

Linda Harrington, Chairman

Housing Authority

Over the past year, the Chelmsford Housing Authority has witnessed an increase in the need for affordable housing for families, elderly and disabled individuals. For the first time in ten years, a substantial award has been received from the Federal Government to increase the number of housing units in Chelmsford. In September, the Authority received notification that \$4.7 million was awarded for the construction of 51 new elderly units and another \$350,000 was received for 75 new housing vouchers for families. This increase in assistance will begin the process of meeting the needs of the community.

Currently, the waiting period for state aided elderly/disabled housing is as follows: Local/Veterans 6 months to a year, Local Residents 5 to 7 years, Non-residents 10 years or more. The Section 8 Program continues to assist over 250 families/elderly/disabled in the area with rental assistance to live in a private apartment. Our Family Self Sufficiency Program is helping over 45 families improve their education and skills with the hopes of moving them towards homeownership.

The Chelmsford Housing Authority programs as of December 31, 2000 provided a total of 197 units of low-income public housing and 268 Section 8 Vouchers.

Members of the staff include David J. Hedison, Executive Director, Linda Dalton, Assistant Executive Director, Michelle Hudzik, State Program Manager, Carole Chakarian Federal Housing Manager, Richard O'Neil, Maintenance Manager and seven additional support staff. Regular meetings are held at McFarlin Manor, 10 Wilson Street at 7:30 p.m., on the first Tuesday each month. The Annual Meeting is the first Tuesday in May. All meetings are open to the public. The Chelmsford Housing Authority Board of Commissioners would like to thank the residents of Chelmsford and Town Officials for their continued support and cooperation.

Chelmsford Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

NAME	TITLE	TERM EXPIRES
Scott Johnson	Chairman	2003
Lynn M. Marcella	Vice Chairman	2002
Leonard Westgate	Treasurer	2001
Denise Marcaurelle	Asst. Treasurer	2004
Pamela A. Turnbull	Member	2003

Planning Board

Members:

Christopher Garrahan, Chairman
Susan Carter, Vice Chairman
Charles Wojtas, Clerk
Pamela Armstrong
Robert Morse
James Good

Kim MacKenzie
James Pearson, Town Engineer/Director of Public Works
Andrew Sheehan, Community Development Coordinator
Doris McClay, Principal Clerk
Kathryn Bianchi, Community Development Clerk

The Planning Board is responsible for insuring that the development of land in Chelmsford meets the criteria set forth in state and local land use regulations. The process involves the review of subdivisions and site plans at a public hearing. The Planning Board strives to maintain the character of Chelmsford.

The Planning Board had another busy year reviewing development projects. The Board reviewed commercial and industrial developments totaling approximately 567,298 square feet of floor space; reviewed 16 Approval Not Required plans; reviewed 6 Definitive Subdivisions; and reviewed 1 Preliminary Subdivision.

The Master Plan By-law Review Committee, in a continuing effort to implement the Master Plan, sponsored amendments to the Zoning Bylaw governing Facilitated and Independent Senior Living and Outdoor Lighting at the October 2000 Town Meeting. The Board also revised its regulations governing fees and Site Plan and Special Permit requirements.

The Planning Board extends its appreciation to Doris McClay for her commitment to the Board over the past several years. The Board welcomes Kathryn Bianchi to the Board as her replacement.



Planning Board

Back: Robert Morse, James Good, Kim MacKenzie, Andrew Sheehan (Community Development Coordinator)

Front: Pamela Armstrong, Charles Wojtas, Christopher Garrahan, Susan Carter,
Kathryn Bianchi (Community Development Clerk)

TOWN MEETINGS

Special Town Meeting March 27, 2000

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM at the Senior Center. The Moderator Dennis E. McHugh recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 127 Town Meeting Representatives present. The Moderator went over the rules and procedures of the meeting.

Selectman Stuart Weisfeldt moved that the reading of the Constable's return of the warrant be waived. Motion carried, unanimously. Selectman Stuart Weisfeldt moved that the reading of the entire warrant be waived. Motion carried, unanimously. The Moderator requested that two non-residents of the Nashoba Valley Technical High School Department staff be allowed to address the body. Superintendent Judith Klimkiewicz and Business Manager Kyle Keady The motion carried.

Under Article 1. Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved that the Town vote to approve the \$25,491,326 indebtedness authorized by the District School Committee of the Nashoba Valley Technical High School District on March 21, 2000 for the purpose of reconstructing and adding to the district high school including original equipment and furnishings in connection therewith.

The Town Manager gave a brief summary on the background of the article. Two years ago NVTHS came before the various communities within the district requesting capital expenditures. The Town Managers and Selectmen of the communities asked the School to review and analyze their capital needs into long-term bases, which could be budgeted over a term of years. The result is a comprehensive study of their needs. If the article is approved it will finance the improvements on a planned schedule, as requested. He then introduced Superintendent Judith Klimkiewicz who would explain the details of the plan to the Body.

Superintendent Klimkiewicz came forward and made a presentation showing the original project cost of \$30,372,270. There were cost revisions that resulted in a 16% reduction for a total revised project cost of \$25,491,326. The project is eligible for a State grant reimbursement of 63%. Chelmsford's share would be 23% or \$3.6 million dollars. There is a need for additional classroom space in order to meet the new State requirements of certain courses in order to graduate. These classrooms must be located in a particular area of the building in order to avoid the noise from the technical area of the school. Must meet the required ADA Acts regulations. There is a need for a Media/Theater arts wing, which would include an auditorium. The square footage was reduced in this particular wing along with upgrading the existing building when the revisions were made. Kyle Keady Business Manager at NVTHS explained the financial and tax impact of the project. Chelmsford's percentage is based on the number of students enrolled from the Town. The cost would be spread out over twenty-five years. The first ten years would be the most expensive then each year after a reduction would be seen. All seven communities had to vote approve the project by May 20th. If no vote was taken it was assumed that the Community is in favor of the project, however, if any one didn't vote in favor then the project would not go forward. The Superintendent then listed all the projects and on going projects that the student body of NVTHS have completed over the years that benefit Chelmsford. Questions were asked about the State's contribution being lower then other surrounding projects. The Superintendent explained that because some areas like the City of Lowell have a bigger minority population and more money is available for programs etc.

The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. The Finance Committee was against the article. The Board of Selectmen supported the article. A number of Representatives spoke for and against the article. Some questioned the need for an auditorium. There are only 109 students from Chelmsford that go to NVTHS the money should be used for the Chelmsford Schools that would benefit many more students. Other's felt that technology is constantly changing and that the students should have the most up to date information and machinery available. This to is a Chelmsford School and the improvements should be made to it. The Town Manager explained that the Town could afford this project. The School has always been maintained and repaired within the yearly budget. He has worked it into his budget already and the need can be meet. This is the first time that NVTHS has come before the Town since it was built in the late 60's looking for support and he asked that the Body approve the article. Howard Goldstein the Architect of the project explained that even without the requested classrooms and auditorium the school needs about \$19. million dollars in improvements. Richard Johnson asked what the recommendation of the Chelmsford NVTHS Representatives was? Samuel Poulten, Sharon Shannon, and Peter Bagni all unanimously recommended the project, and asked for support. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, **motion carried.**

Under Article 2. Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved that the Town vote to amend the Fiscal Year 2000 operating budget under Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 26, 1999 as follows:

Decrease Line Item # 10, Cemetery Personnel Services, by \$19,500

Increase Line Item # 11, Cemetery Expenses, by \$19,500

The Town Manager explained that an employee had been injured on the job. Contract help has been used to fill the position. The money to pay the contract help was paid from expenses, this article will allow the money spent to be transferred from the personnel services back to the expense line item. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, **motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 3. Cemetery Superintendent John Sousa moved that the Town vote to approve the following regulation adopted by the Cemetery Commissioners pursuant to General Laws Chapter 114, Section 23, by adding the following paragraph under Section VII, Miscellaneous:

To preserve the distinctive characteristics of the Town's cemeteries and to promote the availability of burial lots for all residents of Chelmsford, the Cemetery Commission reserves the right to establish reasonable limits on the quantity of graves or cemetery lots that may be purchased by one individual or family.

John Sousa, Cemetery Superintendent explained that there has been a large increase in the purchasing of cemetery lots. The Town has enough land available for the next eighty years; however, the Town should be conservative and use the land wisely for future use. Some families purchase land just to have space around the lot and not for the use of actual burial. If this article passes it would allow the Cemetery Commissioners to review any requests for an unusual amount of lots purchased at one time by an individual or family. John Coppinger wanted to know what the actual limited number would be? John Sousa explained that there would not be an actual limit. Many families have different circumstances. One number may not be the best for all involved. This would allow a limitation to be determine if need be. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, **motion carried, unanimously.**

Dwight Hayward moved to waive the reading of Article 4. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, **motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 4. David McLachlan Chairman of the Conservation Commission explained that the some areas would be updated to reflect the present state laws and strengthen the definitions already in place. It would include the Town's past practice of exempting small structures from being built within fifty feet of wetlands, such as tool sheds or playhouses provided that certain requirements are meet. It still would not allow parking lots to be constructed within fifty feet of wetlands, but driveways could be allowed as long as they are at least twenty-five feet from wetlands. but not parking lots. It also would allow buildings on lots less that 40,000 square feet if it doesn't effect the wetlands. This would also make minor corrections and adopt the States procedures for notifying abutters. A discussion took place concerning the exemption of small structures being built. Who monitor's the contents of these buildings? Oil or gasoline could be stored there and leakage could occur. David McLachlan explained that this concern would be expressed at the time of the exemption and it would be the homeowner's responsibility to comply with the concerns. The Moderator makes a point of order. Earlier at the beginning of the meeting he was asked about people wearing campaign buttons into the Town Meeting. At that time he said the buttons where not allowed. He now announced to the Body that buttons are not allowed to be worn within the room, and asked for the removal of any buttons. He then asked for various recommendations. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked for a show of hands on the article, **motion carried.** The article reads as follows:

David McLachlan Chairman of the Conservation Commission moved that the Town vote to amend the Wetlands Bylaw, Chapter 187 of the Chelmsford Code, by making the following changes:

1. Section 187-2 Definitions.

Add the following definition of River: "RIVER - As defined in G.L. c. 131, s. 40.

2. Section 187-4. Limitations on construction.

Insert the following at the end of subsection A:

"The Conservation Commission may, at its discretion, exempt a shed, playhouse, or other structure from this definition provided it is built on footings requiring no more than four (4) square feet cumulative ground disturbance and has a footprint no larger than one-hundred-forty-four (144) square feet."

B. Insert the following at the end of subsection A: "For the purposes of this chapter a parking lot shall be defined as a paved area containing 10 or more parking spaces. The term parking lot shall not be interpreted to include drives, fire lanes, or other appurtenances. Any such drives, fire lanes, or appurtenances shall be clearly marked 'no parking'. Parking areas which provide fewer than 10 parking spaces shall not be subject to Section 187-4."

The amended section will read: "The construction of any building, as defined herein, on any lot having an area of 40,000 square feet or more or any parking lot containing 10 or more parking spaces shall be prohibited within 50 feet of any resource area. The Conservation Commission may, at its discretion, exempt a shed, playhouse, or other structure from this definition provided it is built on footings requiring no more than four (4) square feet cumulative ground disturbance and has a footprint no larger than one-hundred-forty-four (144) square feet. For the purposes of this chapter a parking lot shall be defined as a paved area containing 10 or more parking spaces. The term parking lot shall not be interpreted to include drives, fire lanes, or other appurtenances. Any such drives, fire lanes, or appurtenances shall be clearly marked 'no parking'. Parking areas which provide fewer than 10 parking spaces shall not be subject to Section 187-4."

C. Insert the following at the end of subsection C:

"The Commission may, at its discretion, issue a permit for a parcel which qualifies as a grandfathered lot under G. L. c. 40A, s. 6, if it specifically finds that the interests of this chapter are protected." The amended section will read: "The Commission shall be prohibited from issuing a permit for any parcel where at least 80% of the lot area required by Chapter 195, Zoning, Table of Dimensional Requirements, Minimum Lot Requirements, is not contiguous land other than that under any water body or bog, swamp, wet meadow, marsh or any other wetland as defined in MGL c. 131, s. 40. The Commission may, at its discretion, issue a permit for a parcel which qualifies as a grandfathered lot under G. L. c. 40A, s. 6, if it specifically finds that the interests of this chapter are protected."

D. Insert a new subsection E which reads:

"E. The Commission shall not allow any impervious surface within 25' of any resource area. The Commission may waive this requirement if it specifically finds that the interests of this chapter are protected."

3. Section 187-7. Notice of intent.

A. Delete "Notice of Intent" and "notice" where they appear in subsections A-D of this section and insert "Application for Permit" in their place.

B. Delete subsection E which reads:

"Notice of the public hearing shall be sent by the applicant by certified mail to all parties in interest. Parties in interest shall mean the petitioner, abutters, owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way and abutters to abutters within 300 feet of the property line of the petitioner or the boundary of the wetland area under consideration, whichever is greater, all as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, notwithstanding that the land of any such owner is located in another city or town."

and insert the following in its place:

“E. Any person filing a notice of intent shall at the same time give written notification thereof, by delivery in hand or certified mail, return receipt requested, to all abutters and abutters to abutters within 300 feet of the property line of the land where the activity is proposed, at the mailing addresses shown on the most recent applicable tax list of the Assessors, including but not limited to owners of land directly opposite said proposed activity on any public or private street or way, and in another municipality or across a body of water. Said notification shall be at the applicant’s expense, and shall state where copies of the notice of intent may be examined and obtained, and where information regarding the date, time, and place of the public hearing may be obtained, and shall include all available information regarding the date, time, and place of the public hearing. Proof of said notification, with a copy of the notice mailed or delivered, shall be filed with the Conservation Commission.”

4. Section 187-8. Public hearing.

A. Delete “Notice of Intent” where it appears in this section and insert “Application for Permit” in its place.

B. Delete “the Board of Health, Board of Appeals and Planning Board.” from the second sentence.

The amended section will read: “The Commission shall hold a public hearing on the application within 21 days of the filing of the Application for Permit. Notice of the date, time and place of the hearing shall be given by the Commission, at the expense of the applicant, not less than five days prior to the hearing, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Chelmsford and by mailing a notice to the applicant. Such hearing may be held at the same time and place, as any public hearing required to be held under MGL c. 131, s. 40. If the Commission determines that additional data or information is necessary, the hearing may be continued to a future date.”

5. Section 187-10. Order of conditions.

A. Delete “Order of Conditions” where it appears in this section and insert “Permit” in its place.

B. Delete subsection B which reads: “B. If the Commission determines that the area which is the subject of the application is not significant to the interests protected by this chapter or that the proposed activity does not require the imposition of conditions, it shall issue a permit without conditions within 21 days of the public hearing. The applicant and all others who have received notice of such hearing by mail shall be notified of such determination within 21 days after said hearing.”

6. Section 187-15. Recording. Delete “statement of compliance” and insert “certificate of compliance”

The Moderator made a point of order. He was the sponsor of the next article. At this time the Town Clerk Mary St.Hilaire would preside over the meeting as Acting Moderator, in order for him to be able to present the article and answer any and all questions. He read the article to the Body before he stepped down as Moderator.

Under Article 5. Dennis McHugh Town Moderator moved that the Town vote to amend the first paragraph of Section 2-5[c] lowering the attendance requirement to avoid involuntary termination and delete the second paragraph of Section 2-5[c] from the Charter [added in 1993] establishing a right of appeal when attendance requirements at Town Meeting have not been met.

Delete the current provision, which reads as follows:

“Section 2-5 Vacancies...

...[c] Forfeiture of Office

If a person elected as a town meeting member shall fail to take the oath of office within thirty days following the election of such person, or shall fail to attend more than one half of the sessions of the Town Meeting held in a calendar year, the member shall be deemed to have resigned and the member's office shall be declared vacant. Any such vacancy shall be filled as provided in section 2-5[d].

Any Town Meeting member, who shall fail to attend more than one half of the sessions of the Town Meetings held in a calendar year, may appeal the declaration of vacancy by requesting a hearing on the removal. A request for hearing shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Town Clerk on or before January 15th of the following calendar year. A hearing shall be held before a committee consisting of the Town Clerk, Town Moderator and Town Counsel to be held no later than January 25th of said year. Upon the showing of good cause by the member, the committee may excuse one or more absences and may rescind the Declaration of Vacancy provided the Town Meeting member has attended at least one-half of the unexcused sessions of the Town Meeting during said calendar year.”[Sic]

Insert the new provision, which will read as follows:

“Section 2-5 Vacancies...

...[c] Forfeiture of Office

If a person elected as a Town Meeting Representative shall fail to take the oath of office within thirty days following the election of such person, or shall fail to attend at least one half of the sessions of the Town Meeting held in a calendar year, the Representative shall be deemed to have resigned and the Representative's office shall be declared vacant. Any such vacancy shall be filled as provided in section 2-5[d].”

The Moderator Dennis McHugh explained the purpose of the hearing process. It was the intent of the Charter Commission to make Town Meeting Members accountable for their attendance. Originally there was no excuse process. It came about after a member had missed Town Meeting due to illness. The amendment was voted. Presently, a Town Meeting Member is notified that they are being dismissed if they've failed to attend more than half the meetings held in the calendar year. If they want to appeal, the member must notify the Committee in writing, stating the reason or reasons for missing the meeting or meetings. A hearing is held and the Committee is allowed to excuse the member. It has been the feeling of the Committee that due to the number of meetings held in the year are becoming less and less this process should be revisited. This past year there were only three meetings and a member had to attend at least two out of the three before the member's excuse could be addressed. If the wording “more than half” is changed to at least half the meetings then in most cases there would be no need for any hearing process. If a member is removed in January, then he or she can pull papers and run for the unexpired term in April. There would be no need for the Committee to judge a member's excuse. They may be accused of being bias, and this would eliminate that all together. The Acting Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. Christopher Garrahan spoke against the article. Roger Sumner spoke against the article. John Emerson questioned if this could be done constitutionally. Joel Bard Town Counsel said that it is already in the Charter originally, this would just be addressing the attendance issue. It was questioned if a Special Town Meeting is held within the Annual Meeting does this count for two meetings?

The Acting Moderator said no it only counts as one meeting. Why is this? It was explained that the Representatives check in only once. The Acting Moderator then asked if there was a need to hear further debate, hearing none she asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. The Acting Moderator declared the **motion carried, by recognizing the 2/3's rule**. Dennis McHugh returned to the Chair and proceeded to move on to Article 6. Roger Sumner made a point of order and questioned the vote. The Moderator explained that the Moderator is allowed to recognize that a 2/3's vote has taken place without taking an actual hand count. If seven people question the vote then the hand count will be taken. Other Town Meeting Representatives questioned the count. The following tellers came forward and a hand count was taken:

Dorothy Frawley, Lucy Simonian, Patricia Plank, John Maleski. The result of the hand count was 89 Yes 37 No 2/3's is 84, the **motion carried**.

Under Article 6. Susan Carter of the Planning Board moved that the Town vote to amend the Chelmsford Code, Chapter 195, Zoning, Section 195-3, formerly Section 2111, Official Zoning Map, to change from RA Single Residence to P Public, the parcel of land off Penni Lane identified in the Assessors records as Map 42, Lot 2, containing approximately 6 acres of land.

The Town Manager explained that the purpose of this article was a proposal to re-zone a parcel of land that contained six acres located off Penni Lane, presently used by the Boy Scouts. Currently there is a lawsuit that the Town and the Boy Scouts are working through the courts, regarding the ownership and right of the Boy Scouts to sell the property. This particular article is separate from the Court case. The intent of the article is simple. This parcel has been used for possibly fifty plus years as open space. This property abuts another piece of public zoned land. It is the Board's intention to maintain the land for the purpose of the public zone according to the by-law and not be developed for residential. This is a use question really separate from the Court case pending. It's the Board's intent to preserve the property, keep it as public land and not develop it, regardless of the pending lawsuit. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. Susan Carter read the Planning Board's recommendation: The Planning Board of the Town of Chelmsford held a public hearing on March 22, 2000 on the above mentioned article after advertising a legal notice in the Chelmsford Independent on March 2, 2000 and March 9, 2000, a minimum of 14 days before the hearing. A copy of the ad was sent to all abutting towns and the appropriate agencies, as required in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 5. At the meeting on March 22, 2000, The proponents, residents and the Planning Board discussed the merits of this Zoning By-law change. It is the opinion of the Planning Board that changing the zoning from RA – Single Residence to P – Public would be in keeping with the intent of the Master Plan, would promote Open Space and would maintain this land in the general manner in which it has been used for at least the past 50 years. The Planning Board voted unanimously (5-0) to recommend this article.

The Moderator asked that Attorney John Skelton who is representing the Boy Scouts be allowed to address the Body, motion carried. John Coppinger asked when did this go to Court. The Town Manager said that the Selectmen made the decision in January after being notified by the Boy Scout that they were going to sell the property. There is a schedule Court date in August. Sandra Martinez questioned what could go on the property if this article passed. Agricultural, non-profit educational. Roger Sumner questioned why not make it conservation land, then it would definitely be kept undeveloped. The Town Manager looked into it, however, because it abuts public owned land controlled by the water department, he felt it would look like spot zoning. This would merely be an extension of the public zone. Susan Gates asked Attorney Skelton if there was public land that abuts this property? He says that there wasn't any. The

Town Manager said that there was a dispute with the tax maps and there was public land. Attorney Skelton asked to address the Body. He explained that he was with the Boston Law firm of Bingham Dana. His firm was representing on a pro bono basis, the Yankee Clipper Counsel who was the successor of the merging of the formerly known as the Greater Lowell Council. There is a history. This property has come before Town Meeting twice already. Presently there is a legal dispute over certain languages. The Boy Scouts enter into a purchase and sale with the Key Foundation. This is a charitable organization whose purpose was to provide financial and other support for scouting programs. He notified Town Counsel, Kopleman and Paige and worked out a schedule knowing that the Town wanted to challenge the purchase and sale. In January of 2000, the Town did sue pertaining to the issue of deed restrictions and language in the deed, whether it is enforceable. The Town and Scouts gave extensive briefings to the land court. Most recently the Attorney General's office was being brought in because of the charitable trust question. A hearing date has been set for August 1st. This will determine if the Scouts have the right to sell the property. The Boy Scouts do not believe this article is separate from the land court case. It does effect ownership intent; it does effect what can be done to the property. If this is approved it will mean that additional litigation will take place to determine this. He feels that the proposal is spot zoning. If this was a regulatory taking there is a process to take land for conservation or open space, if the intent is to regulate or restrict the land for open space. The Boy Scouts want the Court process to run its course and let the judicial system decide once and for all what the language in the deed really means and whether or not the Boy Scouts have full ownership and can sell the property, if they are not the owner then end of story. They believe that the zoning proposal is premature and asked Town Meeting not to approve it.

John Emerson questioned the assessed value of the property. Town Counsel Joel Baird explained that definition of spot zoning. This is a spot of land that will be rezoned. It is commonly used for preserving open space or conservation land. This is for a public purpose will not benefit an individual owner this is for the greater public benefit. Barry Balan questioned what the amount of the sale was. Attorney Skelton explained that the Key foundation would pay \$1000 at the closing then \$11,500 on a promissory note. If the Key Foundation generates in the future any additional proceeds then those proceeds would be applied to benefit Camp Wataka in Northwood NH. Glenn Thoren spoke in favor of the article. Felt that the intent was to allow the Scouts to use the land for camping and not building houses. John Wilder asked that the Body not vote tonight, wait and see what the court action is, then vote to change. Fred Gates asked what the extend of the financial liability would be to the Town if the article passes. Town Counsel Joel Baird explained that a lawsuit could occur if the court does find that the Scouts own the land. Brian Latina questioned who was on the Board of the Key Foundation. Attorney Skelton said that he didn't have a listing but by contacting the Secretary of State the information could be found in the Corporation division. Jeff Stallard spoke in favor of going ahead with the re-zoning now and deal with the Court action at a later date if it is unfavorable. Samuel Poulten moved the question. The Moderator asked if there was a need to hear further debate? Hearing none he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, **motion carried, unanimously**. He then asked for a show of hands on the motion, and declared the **motion carried, by recognizing the 2/3's rule**.

Dwight Hayward moved to adjourned the meeting. **Motion carried, unanimously.** The Moderator asked the Town Representatives to clean up their tables, and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Dennis E. McHugh, Moderator

Mary E. St.Hilaire, Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting April 24, 2000

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM at the Senior Center. The Moderator Dennis E. McHugh recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 158 Town Meeting Representatives present. The Moderator went over the rules and procedures of the meeting. He pointed out the fire exits located in the room.

The Moderator announced that the following people who had served on various boards had passed away since the fall meeting: Selectman Howard Humphrey, Library Trustee James Decker, and School Committee Member Myra Silver. He asked for a moment of silence in their memory.

Selectman Philip Eliopoulos moved that the reading of the Constable's return of the warrant be waived. Motion carried, unanimously. Selectman Philip Eliopoulos moved that the reading of the entire warrant be waived. Motion carried, unanimously.

Under Article 1. Selectman Philip M. Eliopoulos moved that the Town hear reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

State Representative Carol Clevon came forward and gave a report to the Body on the progress of events and bills that had taken place since last year's report and some were just voted on last week. She reported on the various funding. Educational funds were increased from last year. The Lottery will be level funded. The Quinn bill will be pretty much fully funded. No change in the chapter 70 formula this year, probably next year. Areas that are also a priority are Dalton and North Rd traffic lights, Chelmsford Center lights, reading program, and Chapter 90.

Dr Richard Moser said that there was no recommendation at this time regarding the Facilities and Building Needs Committee. There are several more meetings to be held. It is a fifteen member Board. The Board will make recommendations in June to the School Committee

who will deliberate on a short and long term facility plan and will come back to Town Meeting seeking approval for something specific. So far the Committee has touched upon the issues of Enrollment Demography, Condition of Buildings, Educational environment and came up with these points of agreement. The enrollment projection by 2006-07 will be an increase of 460 students then the rate will stabilization and decline. The Immigration issue will be addressed. Grades 5-8 are in immediate need of added space. Temporary classrooms should alleviate the middle school needs through 2005-2006. A long-range plan needs to be developed for the middle school regarding space within the next 3-4 years. Added temporary classrooms may be needed at the Elementary schools within the next 5-6 years. He listed the related points of growing agreement. Proposals to expand to full day kindergarten program will be delayed until new statewide initiatives are in place. A centralized facility for pre-school program will meet program needs. There is a need to develop a prioritized plan for extraordinary maintenance for the buildings. The quality of educational facilities needs to be in any long-range plan. The Building Needs Committee has considered all the DRA Options. One fiscally responsible plan will be presented to the School Committee for final approval in the immediate future. The Town Manager agreed basically with the report. A real agreement is that the Buildings do need work. A million and half dollars has been put aside starting next year for building maintenance, over and above other school needs. There is a need for additional space at the middle school level. In the future there still will be a need for a major project, which will have to come before the voters for approval. Whether it is to address some of the program issues, or doing something with the science wing or auditorium at the High School, or address the Middle School teaming space or some type of expansion at the Middles School. There are an array of issues that still need to be worked on prior to making any recommendation to the School Committee.

David McLachlan questioned if the Planning Board was able to make a report tonight regarding the required annual review and evaluation of the effectiveness and progress of the Master Plan. The Town Manager said he wasn't aware of any report at this time, but would look into it and alert the Board to present one at the Fall meeting.

The Moderator explained that seeing that there was only ten minutes left before the scheduled Special Town Meeting, Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved to postpone the consideration of Article 2 until resumption of the Annual Town Meeting at the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting. The Finance Committee was in favor of the motion. The Board of Selectmen were in favor of the motion. The Moderator asked for vote by way of a show of hands, **motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 3. Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved that the Town transfer \$7,500 from Conservation fees under Wetlands Special Reserve Fund to reduce the Conservation Commission for Budget Fiscal Year 2001.

The Town Manager explained that this is a yearly article. The money is used to offset the conservation budget. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for any further discussion, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. **Motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 4. Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved that the Town transfer \$1,448,000 from Sewer Betterments, Special Revenue, to reduce the exempt portion of debt and interest in the Fiscal Year 2001 Budget.

The Town Manager explained that this is an ongoing long-term policy to utilize funds from the sewer project to reduce the debt of the sewer project. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for any further discussion, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. **Motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 5. Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved that the Town transfer from Sewer Rate Relief Funds, Special Revenue, \$124,746 to reduce the exempt portion of debt and interest in the Fiscal Year 2001 Budget and \$232,000 to acquire the following sewer equipment otherwise funded by sewer user fees:

Sewer Vacuum/Flush Truck	\$145,000
One Ton Sewer Service Truck w/ crane	\$ 42,000
Sewer/Drain Video Inspection Camera	\$ 45,000

The Town Manager explained that this is a portion of the money from the State used to offset the sewer construction. Instead of using all the money for betterments it was decided to use the money to buy capital planning equipment rather than fund the items with user fees money. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for any further discussion, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. **Motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 6. The Town Manager moved to withdraw this article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, **motion carried, unanimously.** The article reads as follows:

Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved that the Town transfer from the Stabilization Fund \$200,000 to be used to balance the Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000.

Under Article 7. Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$150,000 to be used as a Reserve Fund at the discretion of the Finance Committee, as provided in General Laws Chapter 40, Section 6.

The Town Manager explained that this is money managed by the Finance Committee. It is to be used for extreme causes or extraordinary events. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for any further discussion, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. **Motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 8. Cemetery Superintendent John Sousa moved that the Town transfer \$18,000 from the sale of the Graves and Lots to the Cemetery Improvement and Development Fund.

Superintendent John Sousa explained that this is a yearly article. This allows the department to develop the cemeteries for the future without using capital funds. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for any further discussion, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. **Motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 9. Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$19,000 to engage a private accounting firm to prepare an audit of all accounts in all departments in the Town of Chelmsford.

The Town Manager explained that this is a required yearly article. The Town must have its books audited every year. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for any further discussion, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. **Motion carried, unanimously.**

The Town Manager moved to recess the Annual Town Meeting until the closer of the scheduled Special Town Meeting. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Special Town Meeting April 24, 2000

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM at the Senior Center. The Moderator Dennis E. McHugh recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 158 Town Meeting Representatives present. Selectman Philip Eliopoulos moved that the reading of the Constable's return of the warrant be waived. Motion carried, unanimously. Selectman Philip Eliopoulos moved that the reading of the entire warrant be waived. Motion carried, unanimously.

Under Article 1. Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved that the Town designate the property located at One Executive Drive, Chelmsford, Massachusetts and shown on Assessor's

Map 54, Lot 179-1 as an Economic Opportunity Area, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 23A of the General Laws and further, to approve the Project Certification Application submitted by Unisphere Solutions, Inc. for said parcel and the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Exemption agreement, as approved by the Town Manager, for a period of twenty years with 5% exemption of increase in valuation for Year 1 and a 5% exemption of the valuation for Years 2 through 20 inclusive. This approval is for the information contained in both the EOA Application and the Project Certification Application that confirms: the project, as proposed, is consistent with and can reasonably be expected to benefit significantly from inclusion in the Economic Opportunity Area; and the project as described in the Project Certification Application, will increase employment opportunities for residents of the Town of Chelmsford, thereby reducing blight, economic depression and reliance on public assistance; and the Town requests that the project be designated as a Certified Project for a term of twenty (20) years.

The Town Manager explained that this is the first time that the Town has encountered this type of project. The State has established 35 economic areas throughout the State. Chelmsford is not one of the areas, however Lowell is. The Town was approached several months ago by Unisphere and asked for joint assistance in having this economic redevelopment target area extend to this one parcel for Unisphere. It would make available to Unisphere a State equipment tax investment credit, which would be issued from the State and not the Town, or the City of Lowell. It is a growing company with 200 to 250 employees. Unisphere plans on increasing their work force with 250 more employees. The Town would provide a 5% exemption on the valuation increase of the property as a result of the project, which would be \$42,000. A 5% exemption would be \$2,100. The Company agreed to give that amount back to the town in the form of a payment in lieu of taxes. The Town would lose \$2,100 in taxes but pick it up in other revenue source. There will be 250 jobs offered to Chelmsford and Lowell residents. The company's computers when replaced will be donated evenly between the City of Lowell and the Town of Chelmsford. These would more than likely go to the School Department. It must also go before the City of Lowell for approval, if approved by Chelmsford. The Moderator asked for questions. Mark Connors questioned if this was a legal precedence being established. Town Counsel John Georgio explained that the Town has the authority to decide which projects to provide this TIF agreement to. The Town is not under any obligation to make this action available in the future. Is this article based on the contingency that the program continues with the State? The Town Manager explained that the Town would still provide the tax exemption, however if they ever didn't make the payment in lieu of taxes, the exemption would go away. The Town Manager asked that non-resident Anthony Gudas be allowed to come forward and address the Body. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried. Anthony Gudas representing Unisphere Solutions came forward and briefly explained the project. It was a starter up company; a number of the jobs will be technology in nature, and administration. A number of jobs will be in excess of \$80,000. The Company will actively recruit Lowell and Chelmsford residents. By entering into this agreement with the Town it will allow Unisphere to take advantage of the 5% State investment tax credit. Which would be 5% based on their companies capital investment based of machinery and equipment made in the Town. If the Company spends 50 million dollars it would be a 2.5 million-dollar tax credit that will be utilized over the next ten years. David McLachlan questioned where this location was. The Manager explained that the main access would be from Executive Dr from the Lowell Connector. David McLachlan questioned if it would be discriminatory to give an employment

preference. Town Counsel said it would not be cause for action, only if you were giving preference to a protected class, which is, protect under the Civil Rights statue. Peter Lawlor wanted to know if the company is sold would this agreement go to the new owner? The Town Manager said it would not. It would be limited only to Unisphere at this location. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for any further discussion. Dennis Sheehan spoke against the article. He felt that a preference was being set regarding tax credits and loss revenue. Traffic was also a concern. The Moderator asked for vote by way of a show of hands. **Motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 2. Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved that that the Town amend the Fiscal Year 2000 Operating Budget as voted under Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 26, 1999 as amended by the vote passed under Article 8 of the Annual Town Meeting held on October 18 1999, and under Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting held on March 27, 2000, by making the following changes:

Increase Line Item # 16, Undistributed Expenses, \$660,233.

And that the Town transfer and appropriate \$200,356 from unappropriated State Aid and \$416,167 from Overlay Surplus, and reduce Line Item #18, Debt-Interest of the Fiscal Year 2000 Operating budget by \$43,710, to defray such changes.

The Town Manager explained the article. He cited that undistributed costs are an area where items aren't split between departments, they are lumped together. One major area is insurance, such as workman compensation and property and causality liability policy. It has increased due to the purchasing of a new policy. By taking advantage of a new product this allowed the elimination of service agreements on equipment within the Town Departments. There was a saving of \$20,000. however the policy was paid for out of the insurance account and the savings went to the various departments. The other area is employee benefits. Specifically the Medicare tax. Municipalities were exempt, but in the mid 1980's municipalities had to start paying into the program under the social security reform bill of 1986. Due to new employees coming on the rate goes up. Also, Medical Chapter 32B, which is the Health Insurance for the employees, has gone up. Costs have gone up and cited Harvard with a 27% increase; while the other carriers have cited a 12 to 18% increase. For a number of years the employees and retirees have been healthy. Suddenly this year there has been a dramatic increase in large claims. The Town is self-insured under a number of plans. The Town buys reinsurance that covers the Town for anything over \$75,000 per person. The Town is responsible for the first \$75,000. This is an area that is a real problem for this fiscal year and for the next fiscal year and the foreseeable future. Presently the Manager is working with the employees towards restructuring the health insurance program. These issues may be re-addressed at the Fall Town Meeting. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. George Merrill made a point to the Body that 56% of the undistributed expenses Medical is attributed to teachers, therefore there is 1.8 5 million dollars that doesn't show in the School Budget. The

Moderator asked if there was any need for any further discussion, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. **Motion carried, unanimously.**

The Moderator declared the Special Meeting adjourned and moved to re-convene the adjourned annual town meeting at 9:05 PM. **Motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 2. The Moderator read the entire article citing the individual line items with a total figure of \$69,719,570.

The Town Manager explained the budget. He cited the changes and increases that had been made to the Finance Committee's budget book. The figures read reflect the changes. He also pointed out his budget book and the award that was presented by the Government Finance Officers Association to the Town of Chelmsford. He credited the various department heads and his Assistant John Coderre for achieving this award. It meets all the GOA requirements and goals.

The Manager then proceeded to explain where the money to run the town comes from: local taxes, local receipts, state aid, and available funds. He showed a listing to the body that reflected the revenues history from 1997 to the proposed 2001 budget. He then explained where the money goes. 46.6% goes to: public safety, public works, community services, undistributed, debt and interest, warrant articles, non-appropriated expenses, municipal administration, 53.4% is spent on public education. The amount spent on public education does not include the amount of undistributed cost such as health insurance or debt service. It is strictly the amount spent on the public schools plus Nashoba and the Charter Schools. He then showed a breakdown of the past expenditures and explained their increases from 1997 to the FY2001. There are areas of concern. He stressed being careful. The Town has made sizable commitments to facilities, to staffing and growth of programs in the School Department and we should work to continue to support these. But we should recognize that revenues are beginning to slow down, and there are uncontrollable costs in undistributed expenses that must be watched.

Dr Richard Moser came forward and discussed the school budget. He cited the figures from a budget comparison FY99-00/FY00-01 hand out. The budget increased \$2,406,025. or 6.7% increase. State aide increased 15.9% and was very much appreciated. The Town's share increased 4.8%. He went over some highlights of a needs budget, which includes 127 more students. The needs budget is \$38,234,025 or \$2,406,025. greater than the Town Manager's projected budget of \$38,123,850. He went on to say that the budget increase is due to the increase in contracted salary related expenses of \$1,089,704. in new staff, \$574,409. and expenses \$741,921. He went over the increases. Teachers were added for grades 5/6, High School Core teachers, Alternative program at the Parker School received additional teachers and staff. A Security guard for the High School. Two positions were being added to support the MCAS tests. Two positions are being added to the Technology program. He went over the requested increases in expenses. Special Education program and transportation, transportation, computers, utilities, textbooks, 504 disabilities and advertising. He then listed the areas/positions that the School Committee supported to increase. Musical instruments \$20,000. Guidance and testing, \$4,000. Curriculum staff development, \$14,000. Athletic Director, \$14,000. Custodial

Supplies \$9,600. This reflected an increase of \$110,175. which if necessary would be deducted from the budget if not voted . The Moderator then read a motion presented by the School Committee. Mary Jo Griffin moved to amend line item 3 Chelmsford School Department Expense \$38,234,025. To allow town meeting representatives an opportunity to consider an additional \$110,175. without adversely affecting any town departments' budget voted by this body.

David McLachlan questioned why the building maintenance budget was declining, when all the other areas were being level funded or increased. Robert Cruickshank , Business Manager of the School Department explained that this had to do with the modular units at the South Row School. Paul Gleason questioned the Town Manager about the Chapter 32B Insurance Costs. The Manager explained that the figure shown is a projection of what the cost could be. An adjustment will most likely be addressed at the October meeting, once the premium figures are all in. Dean Carmaris questioned the Computer line, he wanted to know what the difference was between computer expenses and the computer capital expenses. Bernie DiNatalie the School Department's MIS Director explained that this is money that was cut in previous years from the elementary schools if restored it would be used towards a computer lab at the High School and restore computers at the elementary school level. Dennis Sheehan questioned the electrical expense. The Town Manager explained that the Town now purchases its electricity through Select Energy under the Deregulation Act. It saves the town money. Dennis Sheehan questioned where the savings were under the school budget. Robert Cruickshank explained that due to the modular units being added at the Parker and McCarthy, these units will require heat, air conditioning, and lights. \$12,000 for each location, about \$1,200. a month. Also because the Center School will be included in the budget. Mark Connor's questioned the security guard position. Dr Moser explained that there is already a male security guard, this would add a female guard. Leonard Doolan wanted to know what long term planning is being done? Dr Moser said that the Facility Study Committee would come up with a plan. Will Perry questioned the custodial positions under the Town Manager's budget. The Town Manager explained that these are not new positions, just a change in title due to classification. The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. The Finance Committee did not recommend the article as amended. The Board of Selectmen were not in favor of the motion to amend. Selectman Eliopoulos said that the Town Manager wanted to address the motion to amend. The Town Manager said he was opposed to the motion to amend with regret. Over the years he has been a long time advocate for increase spending to the school because of the issue of improving the schools and due to the increase enrollment. Not only from a budgetary view but also from a capital improvement view. He supported Center School project and increase in technology. He gave a brief presentation highlighting certain questions. Is the Town committed to its schools? He listed the budget increases for FY92-FY00. Chelmsford Schools +61% Remainder of Town +44%. In eight years the School Department has been increased by \$16 million dollars. He then cited various departmental increases. The Police budget was \$2.6 million dollars in 1992; it's now \$4 million. The Fire Department was \$2.8 million dollars; it's now \$3.6 million dollars. DPW was \$3.9 million dollars; it's projected for 2001 to be \$4.3 million dollars. The Town has meet or exceeded the projection for FY00. He gave an example. In 1995 the projected enrollment from the School Department for FY00, was 6,042 students with a cost of \$33,999,125. The current enrollment is 5,666 students and the Town is spending \$35,828,000. and there are 400 less students. In the past money is allocated at the Fall meeting towards the school department. It has been the Town Manager's policy to give

100 % of the Medicaid money to the School Department. Currently there is legislation on Beacon Hill that would make it mandatory for cities and towns to give their school departments 50% of the returned Medicaid monies. He then listed the actual costs like health insurance and debt figures that are being paid for under the Town's budget. Are there any areas in the school budget where funds can be found? The Manager said the area of utility costs. It is an area that shows being overbudgeted. The money is not being spent on utilities, it is being spent some where else. He listed the figures spent from 1997 to 1999, which shows an excess of \$100,000. Gasoline is another area, and he cited the figures again an excess of \$100,000. overbudgeted. The Town Manager didn't want to imply that its not needed, however this does lend itself to some difficult analyst to try and determine where the money being spent. He understands when Bob Cruickshank says that the money was spent for Special Education. If that's the case then it should be put under Special Education and not the utility line item. Bob Cruickshank responded to the Manager's figures. He cited his budgeted figures and the savings for each year. He said the total amount saved was \$160,000. His figures are the ones reported to the State. The Town Manager said that the point is \$110,000 increase may not be a lot, however, it would be. After various line items have been eliminated that can't be moved around in the Town's budget there would be \$17,900,000. It would be easier to find it in a \$38,000,000 budget where line items can be moved around. We must look at the Town's financial problems that must be faced in the future do to the undistributed debt What is the financial condition of the Town? Are we spending enough? The State says we must spend \$34,584,825. The Town spends \$36,655.679. or \$2,070,085 more. The Schools do have funding flexibility. The Town has historically supported the schools with initial and supplementary budgets. The Town exceeds state requirements, it measures well with other schools. The Town is facing financial uncertainly. Uncertain in the area of revenues and undistributed cost. All departments must have certain limits and make their best efforts to stretch funding and the schools are no exception. He felt it was important to illustrate the commitment that the Town has made. It disturbs him to hear that the Town is not doing enough. The Town is doing quite a bit. He asked that the Body defeat the motion to amend.

Robert Hall moved the question to stop debate. The Moderator asked if there was any need to hear further debate, hearing none, he asked for a show of hands. He declared that the **motion carried by recognizing the 2/3's vote by-law.** He then asked for a show of hands on the motion to amend the article, **motion defeated.** He then asked for show of hands on main motion as presented, **motion carried.** The article reads as follows:

Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved that the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of \$69,719,570 to defray Town charges for the fiscal period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001 according to the following line items:

Municipal Administration	
Personnel Services	\$1,308,720
Expenses	\$642,734
Chelmsford School Department	\$38,123,850
Nashoba Technical High School	\$834,475
Public Safety	
Personnel Services	\$7,494,951

Expenses	\$702,799
Public Works	
Personnel Services	\$1,709,737
Expenses	\$3,778,374
Offset Receipts	(\$1,166,712)
TOTAL	\$4,321,399
Sewer Commission Expenses	\$30,000
Cemetery	
Personnel Services	\$219,329
Expenses	\$35,975
Community Services	
Personnel Services	\$524,821
Expenses	\$169,350
Library	
Personnel Services	\$909,973
Expenses	\$382,043
Undistributed	\$6,425,000
Debt	
Principal	\$5,585,351
Interest	\$2,008,800

Selectman Philip Eliopoulos moved that the meeting be adjourn until 7:30 PM, Thursday April 27, 2000, at the Senior Center on Groton Rd. **Motion carried, unanimously.** The Meeting adjourned at 11:20 PM.

Dennis E. McHugh, Moderator

Mary E. St.Hilaire, Town Clerk

Adjourned Town Meeting April 27, 2000

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM at the Senior Center. The Moderator Dennis E. McHugh recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 140 Town Meeting Representatives present.

The Moderator discussed a point of order raised by George Merrill concerning the Town Managers entitlement to debate or comment on an issue. He felt that the Town Manager has no status. He is not a Town Meeting Representative. He felt that the same issue applied to the School Superintendent as well. The Moderator said that he and the Town Counsel both agree that according to the Charter under IV Town Manager Section 4-3 Administrative Powers and Duties (e) and VI Financial Provisions Section 6-1 Annual Budget Policy, the Town Manager is well within his jurisdiction to debate or make comments on articles.

Under Article 10. Selectman Philip M. Eliopoulos moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$875,000 for the following capital projects:

Function	Department /Location	Project	Expenditure
Public Safety	<u>Police</u>	Cruiser Replacement	\$135,000
	<u>Fire</u>	Refurbish Rescue Truck 1	\$60,000
	Public Safety Subtotal		\$195,000
Public Works	<u>DPW</u>	Drainage Improvements	\$100,000
		Old Townhall Air Conditioning	\$60,000
		Six-Wheel Dump Truck	\$80,000
	Public Works Subtotal		\$240,000
Public Education	<u>McCarthy Middle</u>	Roof Replacement (Phase 1 of 4)	\$390,000
	<u>Administrative Tech.</u>	Integrated Financial System	\$50,000
	School Department Subtotal		\$440,000
CAPITAL PROJECTS TOTAL			\$875,000

And to transfer the sum of \$105,000 from Free Cash; transfer \$5,742 from unexpended bond proceeds under Article 30 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 25, 1994; transfer \$186 from unexpended bond proceeds under Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 28, 1997; transfer \$24,072 from unexpended bond proceeds under Article 7 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 27, 1998; and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow \$740,000 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8 or any other enabling authority to fund these obligations.

The Town Manager explained the need for the various articles listed. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for any further discussion, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. **Motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 11. Chairman of the School Committee Mary-Jo S Griffin moved that the Town borrow \$660,000 for the purpose of funding the purchase of two, four-unit temporary classrooms at the Parker and McCarthy Middle Schools and the purchase of the existing two-classroom unit at the South Row Elementary School.

Dr Richard Moser, School Superintendent explained that these temporary classrooms are necessary at these locations because enrollment has increased. There is no space available in these buildings to provide additional teachers and classrooms. He cited information that was on the School Committee's handout. The purchase of temporary classrooms at Parker and McCarthy Middle Schools represents a short-term solution to the overgrowing problem. The Building Needs Committee will recommend a long-term solution for the middle school facilities in the immediate future. He went over the figures presented regarding leasing the classrooms Vs purchasing. It was in the Town's best financial interest to purchase, rather than lease. The budget just passed already reflects the required staff, supplies, materials and cost of utilities. A number of Representatives asked questions concerning the DAR report, the number of classrooms this would make available, bonding, maintenance cost and the location of the classrooms. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for any further discussion, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. **Motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 12. Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$25,000 for the purpose of funding the sand purchase approved by the Town under Article 4 of the 1998 Special Town Meeting held on April 27, 1998.

The Town Manager explained that this is a yearly article. The Town agreed to make payments each year rather than pay the total amount up front. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for any further discussion, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. **Motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 13. Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved that the Town accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5K which authorizes the Town to establish a senior citizen's property tax work-off abatement program, to be effective beginning in fiscal year 2001 and to authorize the Council on Aging to promulgate rules and regulations to implement said program subject to the approval of the Town Manager, provided that the total amount of abatements granted under this program shall not exceed \$20,000 in any given year.

The Town Manager explained that this to is a yearly article. This program was started about nine years ago. Other Towns have followed Chelmsford's example. Legislation has now made this a law, which means that once accepted it would not come before the Town Meeting Body again for yearly approval. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for any further discussion, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. **Motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 14. Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,346. with which to meet bills from previous years.

The Town Manager explained that the Town's books closed June 30, 1999. This amount reflects utility bills that were all lumped together. They had to be researched and divided up to the various departments for payment, which wasn't completed by the end of the fiscal year. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for any further discussion, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. **Motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 15. Selectman Philip M. Eliopoulos moved that the Town accept the following mentioned streets, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown by their reports duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk:

Bentas Place

Ann's Way

Stage Road

Providing all the construction of the same meets with the requirements of the Board of Selectmen, and subject to the withholding of any remaining bonds until such requirements have been met; and I move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire any and all temporary and/or permanent easements, and any property in fee simple, with trees thereon, by purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, for the purpose of securing traffic safety and road improvements, and I move that the Town raise and appropriate \$3 to defray all necessary costs, fees and expenses in connection with the acquisition of said land and for paying any damages which may be awarded as a result of any such taking; and I move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute all necessary and proper contracts and agreements thereto.

The Town Manager said that the above roads have been built accordingly to the Town's subdivision rules and regulations and now need to be accepted. John Wilder questioned Stage Rd, he thought it was already accepted. The Manager explained that this was a portion of Old Stage Rd near the end that had been renamed Stage Rd. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for any further discussion, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. **Motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 16. Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved move that the Town authorizes a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Laws C. 44, S. 53E ½ for the Council on Aging for Fiscal Year 2001. The receipts to be credited to the fund shall be from the collection of fees from the implementation of a Senior Trip program. The Council on Aging shall be authorized to spend money from the fund for the purpose of providing transportation necessary for implementing a Senior Trip program. Expenditures from the Senior Trip program revolving fund shall be limited to \$300,000 during Fiscal Year 2001.

The Town Manager explained that this is the third year of establishing this revolving fund. In the past it had been managed by the Friends of the Senior Center, but due to liability issues the Town had to take it over. It requires approval each year. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for any further discussion, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. **Motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 17. Selectman Philip M. Eliopoulos moved that the Town accept as public ways the layout of a portion of Willis Road and Twelfth Avenue as shown on a plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and to borrow \$106,000 for the purpose of making improvements to said ways; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire any and all temporary and/or permanent easements, and any property in fee simple, with trees thereon, by purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, for the purpose of securing traffic safety and road improvements, and to use that portion of appropriated funds as required to defray all necessary costs, fees and expenses in connection with the acquisition of said land and for paying any damages which may be awarded as a result of any such taking; and I move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute all necessary and proper contracts and agreements thereto, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to assess betterments pursuant to General Laws Chapter 80 on those individuals who receive a benefit from said road improvements.

The Town Manager explained that this is currently a dirt road with a number of camps, vacant lots and homes that goes around Freeman Lake. There are thirty parcels of land and twenty-one owners. The property owners to have the road paved approached the Town. The Town requires that the road be done according to the standards of the subdivision rules and regulations. Normally a builder builds the road and passes the costs onto the new property owners, however in this case a partnership was formed with the property owners and betterment will be charged. It is estimated that the construction cost would be \$106,000., \$14,000. will be used from the Sewer project. The Town's actual cost of 8% would be \$18,000. which would leave a balance of \$73,600. that will be paid in betterments by the property owners. The

Manager stressed that this project would not only increase the land value of the property owners it would also be a benefit for the Town due to lower road maintenance costs. He asked for support from the Body. Bill Curry questioned what the correct name was. The article said Willis Road and the map shown says Willis Drive. Willis Drive is correct. John Wilder was concern that this would set precedence. The process may become a requirement, should future programs be set up. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. David McLachlan spoke in favor of the article. This is the kind of project that appeals to a neighborhood. The Moderator asked if there was any need for any further discussion, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. **Motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 18. Selectman Michael McCall moved that the Town amend the Chelmsford Code, Chapter 195, Zoning, Section 195-3, formerly Section 2111, Official Zoning Map, to change from RB Single Residence to CD General Commercial, the contiguous parcels known as 24 and 28 North Road, as shown on the Zoning Map, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a restrictive covenant with respect to the property.

The Moderator said that the petitioner had an attorney present and asked permission to allow Attorney Howard Hall to address the Body. Motion carried. Attorney Hall came forward and gave a brief presentation to the Body. His client Dr Rodger Currie is presently a businessman and former resident of the Town. He has an office building on North Rd a few doors down from the above article. He had in the past purchased and renovated the Emerson property which is currently the site for Family Bank. The property mentioned in the article is located on the "gateway" into Chelmsford Center. Currently the two buildings built in 1870 and 1930 are one single family and one-two family homes. These would be torn down and a replaced with a residential style building. A classic Georgian colonial in design modeled after the historic Longfellow House in Cambridge, Ma is proposed. The 8,000 square foot building will be used as an office building. If this article passes tonight Dr Currie will sign a covenant with the Board of Selectmen stating that that will be the only use. There will be no retail, no fast food no use car business. Adrienne Jerome questioned the parking situation. Attorney Hall said that the parking would be located in the rear of the building. An agreement has been made with the abutters that greenery will be planted in order to avoid the lot being seen from their property. . Steve Maloney questioned what would happen if the re-zoning took place but the various boards denied the building of the building. He felt that the proposal would be accepted will work with the Boards in order to accomplish the project. Mark Connor questioned if the Historic Commission had an opinion. Jeffrey Stallard said the Board had none at this point and explained the 100-year demolition requirement. Kathy Howe questioned that this would be spot zoning if approved. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. Christopher Garrahan Chairman of the Planning Board said that the Planning Board's recommendation was in favor of the project. A discussion took place. Sandy Donovan spoke against the article. She had concerns about the lack of housing availability and the location of another office building would cause traffic problems. George Merrill spoke against the article, as well as David McLachlan. Peggy Dunn spoke against the article and asked that the Body vote against the motion. Richard Johnson spoke in favor of the article. Peter Lawlor spoke in favor. Bill Spence spoke in favor. Brian Latina spoke against the article. Norman Aubert had concerns with the traffic issue. Leonard Richards spoke in favor. Bernard Lynch spoke in favor. He explained that he has discussed this project with Dr Currie and felt it would be beneficial to the Town. John Coppinger moved the question to stop debate. The

Moderator asked for a show of hands, **motion carried, unanimously.** The Moderator attempted a vote by way of a show of hands and he didn't want to declare the 2/3's rule, he asked the tellers to come forward and conduct a hand count: Lucy Simonian, Patricia Plank, Gertrude Mack, John Maleski. The result Yes 110 N 26 2/3's is 91 the motion carried.

Under Article 19 Chairman of the Planning Board Christopher Garrahan moved that the Town amend the Town Charter by adding the following paragraph to subsection 3-5 (a):

There may be one associate member of the planning board when the board is designated a special permit granting authority under the town's zoning by-law. The associate member of the planning board shall be elected at the annual town election. If the position becomes vacant or is unfilled the position shall be jointly appointed by members of the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board. The associate member of the Planning Board shall be elected for a term of two years.

Christopher Garrahan Chairman of the Planning Board explained the article and said that the Planning Board supported it. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for any further discussion, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. **Motion carried, unanimously.**

Under Article 20 the Moderator explained that he had no sign motion for this article and he declared the motion withdrawn. The article read as follows: To see if the Town will vote to change the designation and grant a use variance under the Town of Chelmsford Zoning Bylaw, Section 195-103, formerly Section 2111, as it pertains to a 41,171 square foot, more or less, portion of Parcel 8 on Assessor's Map 103, 10 Independence Drive, Chelmsford, Massachusetts, east of Meetinghouse Road and south of Interstate Route 495, said Parcel 8 being a portion of the land described in a deed recorded with the Middlesex County North District Registry of Deeds, Book 6273, Page 72 dated December 22, 1992, by changing the designation of said portion of Parcel 8 from CD Zoning District to CB Zoning District and to allow a use variance to operate a motor vehicle rental use within said parcel under a CB Zoning District, and the uses in relationship thereto.

Seeing that there was no further business to address, the Moderator moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried, unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Dennis E. McHugh, Moderator

Mary E. St.Hilaire, Town Clerk

Annual Falltown Meeting October 16, 2000

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM at the Senior Center. The Moderator Dennis E. McHugh recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 148 Town Meeting Representatives present. The Moderator pointed out the fire exits located in the room., and then went over the rules and procedures of the meeting. He then asked for a moment of silence for Eleanor Parkhurst who had been known as the unofficial Town historian.

Selectman Philip Eliopoulos moved that the reading of the Constable's return of the warrant be waived. Motion carried, unanimously. Selectman Philip Eliopoulos moved that the reading of the entire warrant be waived. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 1. Selectman Philip Eliopoulos moved that the Town vote to hear reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

State Senator Susan Fargo and State Representative Carol Cleven each came forward and reported on the various bills and progress of events that had passed since the April meeting. Superintendent of Schools Dr Richard Moser gave a report on the School Facilities. Selectman Thomas Moran and Finance Committee member Mary Frantz gave a progress report of the Building Needs Committee. The Town Manager Bernard Lynch explained that at the Spring Town Meeting a final recommendation would be made to the Body and the DRA. Which would include a long-range maintenance and capital plan, which was a priority, also the funding plan to move the project forward.

Dennis Ready questioned why the Attorney General's office rejected the proposed charter change concerning the attendance requirements for Town Meeting Representatives that had been voted on at the Spring Town Meeting. The Town Manager explained that the charter change had been submitted to the Attorney General as required. The Town Meeting body could not vote to make this type of change. The Attorney General said that in order for this change to go into effect a Charter Study would have to be conducted and then voted on by ballot by the registered voters of the Town.

UNDER ARTICLE 2. Town Manager Bernard F. Lynch moved that the Town vote to transfer \$1,000,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

The Town Manager explained that this would be added to the current fund which contains roughly \$7 million dollars which is 10 % of the operating budget. Due to the amount of cash in reserve, the Town receives favorable bond ratings when it comes to capital projects. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for debate, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 3. Dennis Ready moved to act upon this article after article 22. The Moderator asked if there was any need for debate, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 4. Town Manager Bernard F. Lynch moved that the Town vote to amend the Fiscal Year 2001 operating budget under Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 24, 2000 as follows:

- Increase Line Item #3 Chelmsford School Department by \$85,000
- Decrease Line Item #4 Nashoba Technical High School by \$79,738
- Increase Line Item #5 Public Safety Personnel by \$60,554
- Increase Line Item #6 Public Safety Expenses by \$10,000
- Increase Line Item #14 Library Personnel by \$19,500
- Increase Line Item #16 Undistributed Expenses by \$350,000

And that the Town raise and appropriate the necessary funds to defray such changes.

The Manager explained the article. Due to increase in usage of the new library facilities, more staffing hours are needed. The Police settled for a three year contract with a 3% increase in pay the first year and 3% the second year and 4% increase the third year, additional 1 % for defibrillation and EMT training. There will be a pay increase in shift differential, and an increase in uniform allowance. There will be savings to the Town due to the eventual change in the pay week from weekly to bi-weekly and the way vacation time is computed. The increase in undistributed expenses is due to the increase in health and medicare tax costs. Mark Connors, George Ripsom, James Hickey and Roger Sumner asked questions regarding the figures. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for debate, hearing none,, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 5. Town Manager Bernard F. Lynch moved that the Town vote to transfer \$93,556 from Free Cash to the School Department said funding coming from Medicaid reimbursements.

The Manager explained that this is a yearly article. The School Department researches and recovers the funds in agreement with the Town that the reimbursements are turned over to them. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for debate, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 6. Town Manager Bernard F. Lynch moved that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash \$3,114 with which to pay bills of previous fiscal years.

The Manager explained that there were three outstanding bills from last fiscal year. Billerica Sports & Marine \$244.30 for the Fire Department. Lowell Sun \$1,727.30 for various departmental ads and \$1,141.00 for Tree work. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for debate, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 7. Town Manager Bernard F. Lynch moved that the Town vote to transfer \$65,535 from Special Revenue to the School Department, said funding coming from E-Rate reimbursements.

The Manager explained that this is a supplement to the School Department budget. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for debate, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 8. Town Manager Bernard F. Lynch moved that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash \$10,000 to fund the Community Action Program established under Article 12 of the April 29, 1996 Annual Town Meeting. The purpose of this program shall be to provide matching funds to community improvement projects undertaken by individuals and/or organizations within the Town of Chelmsford.

The Town Manager explained that this is money used to startup projects for neighborhood and civic groups to make improvements to areas in the Town. Glenn Thoren asked if the program was so successful perhaps more money should be applied. The Manager explained that even though it has been successful it is a workable amount. . The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for debate, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 9. Town Manager Bernard F. Lynch moved that the Town vote to transfer \$32,884 from Free Cash to the Special Revenue account for the Byam School Insurance claim.

The Manager explained that there had been a flood at the Byam School, repairs were needed and done immediately. According to State law, this required Town Meeting action first before the work was done. That is the reason for the article now. . The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for debate, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 10. Selectman Philip Eliopoulos moved that the Town approve the filing of a petition in the General Court for the purpose of creating an Open Space Fund for Chelmsford. The legislation shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established in the town of Chelmsford an open space land acquisition fund for the purpose of acquiring land and interests in land for the protection of open space, public drinking water supplies, conservation land, the creation of walking and bicycling trails, and the creation of recreational areas.

SECTION 2. The town shall establish said fund as a separate account to be maintained by the treasurer. The following monies shall be deposited into said account: (i) fifty percent of the proceeds generated by the sale of any land acquired by the town of Chelmsford through tax title foreclosure, (ii) all of the proceeds from the sale of conservation land or from any leases of conservation land, (iii) any gifts made to the town for the express purpose of open space acquisition, (iv) any appropriations made by Town Meeting to this fund. The treasurer may invest the funds in such separate account in the manner authorized by sections fifty-five and fifty-five(a) of chapter forty-four. Any interest earned thereon shall be credited to and become part of such separate account.

SECTION 3. The town may purchase land or interests therein for the purposes set forth in Section 1, subject to appropriation. Town meeting may not appropriate any money from said fund unless the Board of Selectmen has first conducted a public hearing on said acquisition and has made a recommendation to town meeting.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage;

The General Court may only make clerical or editorial changes to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill prior to enactment by the General Court. The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments, which shall be within the general public objective of the petition.

The Town Manager explained that this would allow the Town to create an open space fund. This would allow the Town to implement the recommendation of the master plan to obtain open space, by setting money aside for this purpose. The present State statutes do not warrant this type of funding. Dennis Ready, John Wilder and Leonard Richards asked questions. . The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for debate, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 11. The Town Manager explained that this article was to be withdrawn at this time. It will be taken up in the Spring. The Finance Committee had no recommendation. The Board of Selectmen recommended to withdraw the article. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion carried. The article reads as follows: Town Manager Bernard F. Lynch moved that the Town vote amend the Code of the Town of Chelmsford by adding a new Chapter 103, to be entitled "Nuisances", which chapter provides for the investigation and remediation of nuisances.

UNDER ARTICLE 12. The Town Manager explained that there was no signed motion available on this article, therefore no action could be taken on the article. The article read as follows: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Chelmsford Code, Chapter 195, Zoning, Section 195-3 Official Zoning Map, to change from 1A-Industrial to CD General Commercial the contiguous parcel known as 235 Billerica Road, as shown on the Zoning Map.

UNDER ARTICLE 13. Dwight Hayward moved that the reading of the article be waived. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, Motion carried unanimously. The Manager explained that this is the result of side streets that intersect into major roadways. There are certain areas that are obstructed with greenery or fences, which makes the vision obstructed. This would allow the Town to implement fines if the owner of the property in question doesn't make improvements to the area. A number of Representatives asked questions concerning the merits of the article. Police Chief Raymond McCusker explained that his police officers are constantly being asked to address potential safety hazards at intersections. He felt that with this by-law the liability would be on the homeowner not the Town if the property wasn't maintained after being cited. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. George Merrill moved to amend the article by changing the joining points of 30 feet in the first paragraph to read 15 feet. He explained that certain parts of Chelmsford have smaller neighborhood streets, then other areas of Town. After consulting with the Town Engineer, the Town Manager said that if the joining points read 20 feet then it would be a workable amendment. George Merrill agreed to change his motion to read 20 feet. Kathy Howe questioned why this by-law wasn't under the zoning rules. Joel Baird Town Counsel said it could come under the zoning by-law but felt that it would be more manageable as a general by-law. Jeffrey Stallard questioned the location of a hedge at the North Congregational Church. It was explained that each individual case would be viewed and decided upon. The Moderator asked for a vote on the motion to amend the article to read 20 feet. Motion carried. Mark Connors questioned who would enforce the by-law. The Manager explained that it would be the Police and Building Inspector. David McLachlan felt that the by-law should be defeated and redrafted and brought back in the Spring addressing all the areas of the Town. George Zaharoolis expressed concerns about liability. Barry Balan moved the question to stop debate.

The Moderator asked for a show of hands on the motion. Motion carried, unanimously. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, which left the Chair in doubt. He asked the tellers: Dorothy Frawley, Joseph Marcotte, Lucy Simonian, and John Maleski to come forward and conduct a hand count. The Moderator attempted another show of hands. A majority vote was needed, motion carried. The article reads as follows:

Town Manager Bernard F. Lynch moved that the Town vote to amend the Code of the Town of Chelmsford by adding a new Article V, to be entitled "Vision Obstructions," to Chapter 142, Streets and Sidewalks, which article provides for certain restrictions on objects at street intersections and penalties for violation as follows:

ARTICLE V

Vision Obstructions

§ 142-38. Use restrictions

§ 142-39. Violations and penalties.

§ 142-38. Use restrictions.

In order to provide an unobstructed sight distance for motorists, nothing shall be erected, placed, planted or allowed to grow in such a manner as to block vision of operators of motor vehicles between a height of 2 ½ and 10 feet above grades of the intersecting streets in the area bounded by the street lines of said real estate and a line joining points 20 feet along said street lines from the point of intersection of said street lines. Buildings existing as of the effective date of this by-law are exempt from this by-law.

§ 142-39. Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates this provision and after being notified by the Board of Selectmen in writing of such violation, permits such violation to continue for 30 days after receipt of said notice, may be punished by a fine of \$50. For the purposes of this section, each successive day during which any violations committed or continued shall be deemed a separate offense. Violations of this provision may be enforced through noncriminal disposition, in accordance with MGL c. 40, §21D, and Article II, §1-2 of the Chelmsford General By-Laws. The Board of Selectmen or its designee, Chelmsford police officers, and the Director of the Department of Public Works may enforce this section.

The Moderator made a point of order. He wanted the Body to be aware that from time to time he was the Moderator for the Chelmsford Water District. He felt it was necessary to disclose this information because the next article was connected to the Chelmsford Water District.

UNDER ARTICLE 14. Town Manager Bernard F. Lynch moved that the Town vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the following described parcel of land to the Board of Selectmen to be held for the purpose of conveyance and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant to the Chelmsford Water District an interest in fee simple, or any lesser interest including but not limited to an easement, in all or any portion of the land located off Smith Street, currently owned by the Town of Chelmsford and more particularly described as Map 40, Block 131, Lot 46 of the Board of Assessors Maps, and in an instrument recorded at the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2457, Page 347, for the purpose of establishing and protecting a new well and the well field to be established to supplement the current public water supply and facilities in existence at said location, and to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate and undertake such actions as required to grant such interest on terms and conditions as the Board shall deem necessary and appropriate and in the public interest, for such use by the Chelmsford Water District.

The Manager explained that this article was brought forward by working with the Chelmsford Water District in order that the District could make improvements to the well already established in the area. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for debate, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 15. Selectman Philip Eliopoulos moved that the Town vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the following described parcel of land to the Board of Selectmen to be held for the purpose of conveyance and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30B, for consideration to be determined, all right, title, and interest, if any, held by the Town in a certain portion of a parcel of land on Fifth Avenue shown as Map18, Block 76, Lot 5, containing 3,300 square feet more or less, and more fully described in a deed recorded in the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds in Book 6218, Page 61.

The Manager explained that this land had been originally taken for non payment of taxes. An abutter had contacted the Manager expressing an interest in purchasing the land. The land will be offered through the competitive bid process, all abutters will be notified. Susan Carter of the Planning Board asked if this land would be used to be combined with other land in order to obtain a legal building lot. The Manager explained that there would be a stipulation on the deed stating that it can not be built on. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 16. John Emerson Chairman of the Sewer Commission explained that this is a continuing article that the Sewer Commission brings before Town Meeting when a new contract is under consideration. These land takings will enable the Sewer Commission to continue the Sewer project in the most cost effective and direct route. John O'Connell began to read a prepared statement to the Body the Moderator explained that this was the question and answer period. John O'Connell said that he felt before he could receive an answer to his question he had to make some explanatory facts in order to get a correct answer to his question. He said he would keep it brief, make his point and not express his opinion, nor would he urge for a vote for or against the article. The Moderator thanked him and Mr O'Connell continued to read his statement. He stated that he was and worked as an engineer for the past 35 years. He had submitted an article to the local paper regarding the effect sprinkler and sewer systems had on the water supply. The article was based on information supplied to him by the experts. He felt that when he had asked his question previously to a few members of the Sewer Commission, he had been given the incorrect answer. The purpose of giving these facts is to help the Commission give the correct answer so that the Town Meeting Members can understand the answer to the question. The Moderator explained that giving facts is part of debate portion, he requested that Mr O'Connell ask his question. He further explained that Mr O'Connell could ask a question during the debate portion of the article. Mr O'Connell said that he had many reasons, that once the floor was open, a Town Meeting Representative would make a motion to limit debate, which would stop his explanatory remarks from being heard. He then requested that the Moderator give to him in writing the decision not to allow him from presenting the facts along with the Moderator's reasons on making the decision. The Moderator said that he would allow Mr O'Connell to remain at the microphone and he could be the first one to debate under the debate portion. There are to be questions first, then various recommendations, then there will be debate. Mr O'Connell responded by saying that since the Moderator would not allow him to present the facts, he would not ask his question. The Moderator asked if there was any other questions, hearing none he asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. John O'Connell came forward and gave his statement. His position has to do with changing objections. When the project was first started the first objective was to sewer the worst area's defined by court order. Then a new objective was approved to sewer the entire Town. The area in the article has the lowest percentage in failure rate in systems and the best and cleanest wells. Apparently when this objective was approved no consideration was given on how the sewer system would effect the wells. He felt that it was time to seize trying to sewer the entire Town and declares that the sewer project is successfully completed and works towards a new objective to conserve and preserve the Town's water supply. He then listed facts to his statement. They concerned a Boston Globe article about rainwater and water conservation, the aquifer, costs for hooking up to the remaining sewer systems, and the cost of sending the sewage to the Lowell treatment plan. He said that the State is looking into the possibility of sewer systems depleting water supplies, which may result in returning to septic systems instead of sewer systems. He felt it would be best not to pass the article at this time until all alternatives if any are reviewed and approved. John Emerson, Chairman of the Sewer Commission responded. He said by the Town having the sewage system it did keep the property values high, however more importantly it protected the drinking water supply. The lakes and streams had been cleaned up by this sewer project. 76% of the Town has been sewer. This has been done at five separate occasions, through open town meeting, representative town meeting, and ballot questions. The objective was to get the Town out from under the constraints of the title five law. If this article doesn't pass it will cost more money because the Sewer Commission will have to go back and find

alternatives routes in the public way in order to continue the project. The routes chosen are the most cost efficient, the same consultants have done them, has completed forty-one contracts already? He cited other towns who stopped their projects with 90% funding. Chelmsford is ahead of these Towns. Property values remain equal. Right now the average cost is between \$10,000 to \$13,000 dollars to sewer a home. That won't change, some area cost more than others, in Mr O'Connell's area, which had a great amount of ledge the cost, was \$22,000 per home. Due to other areas being less it brought down the cost. Mr Emerson read a letter from the state DEP saying that no significant change would result in the water table from this project. Mr Emerson asked for support of the article. Dennis Ready spoke in favor of the article. Representative Carol Cleven said that the State is looking at some areas of the State where the water table is very low, like the Ipswich River area. Septic systems will be allowed, and the title five guidelines which do not give very much back if an expensive replacement must be made. She urged for support of the article. John O'Connell stated that his septic system was reliable, he felt that it was an unneeded expense. When asked how many systems on his street had failed he was told about four to five. Kathy Howe noted that people should know that just because the system is working i.e. toilet flushing, doesn't mean it won't fail. It needs to be inspected to verify that it is in fact a working system, which means that pollutants aren't going into the ground. Leonard Richards made a motion to move the question. The Moderator asked if there was any need for debate? Hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried. The Moderator then asked for a vote on the article by way show of hands. A 2/3's vote is required and he declared the motion carried by recognizing the 2/3's by-law. The article reads as follows:

John P. Emerson, Jr, Chairman of the Sewer Commission, moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Sewer Commissioners to acquire any and all temporary and/or permanent easements, and any property in fee simple with the buildings and trees thereon by purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, for the property located in the Town of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, and further described and shown on a set of plans entitled "Plan of Sewer Easements in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, Dennison Road/Locke Road Area – Phase 4C Sewers", a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Engineer and is incorporated herein by reference, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining sewers, pumping stations, and all other appurtenances thereto.

UNDER ARTICLE 17. Dwight Hayward moved to waive the reading of the article. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously. The Town Manager explained that the article was to be amended under section 10-2 Use restrictions section B. to change the wording special permit from the Board of Appeals to read **special license** from the **Board of Selectmen**. He explained that currently these licenses are issued by the Board of Selectmen. He asked that Police Chief Raymond McCusker come forward to further explain the article. Chief McCusker explained that this would not restrict the machines from being in Town, it would however, required them to be on record and inspected by the Town. It has been a known fact with area Police Departments to have machines look like one thing and in reality be the type of machines used for gambling. By requiring all machines to be registered and inspected Police would be able to stop the public's usage of any illegal machines. Selectman Michael McCall moved to further amend the article Section 10-1 section B subsection (1) by adding the word may after the word which, Automatic amusement devices which **may**... The Moderator asked if there was any need to debate? Hearing none,, he asked for a show of hands on the motion to change the wording to be special license from the Board of Selectmen. Motion carried.

He then asked for a show of hands on the motion to add the word may. Motion carried. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for debate, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands on the motion as amended, motion carried, unanimously. The articles reads as follows:

Town Manager Bernard F. Lynch moved that the Town vote to amend the Code of the Town of Chelmsford by adding a new Chapter 10, to be entitled "Amusement Devices, Automatic," which chapter provides for certain restrictions on automatic amusement licenses issued by the Town and penalties for violation.

CHAPTER 10

AMUSEMENT DEVICES, AUTOMATIC

§ 10-1. License required; features promoting misuse. § 10-3. Violations and penalties.

§ 10-2. Use Restrictions. § 10-4. Severability

§ 10-1. License required; features promoting misuse.

In accordance with MGL c. 140, § 177A, as amended from time to time, any individual or business desiring to keep and operate an automatic amusement device for hire, gain or reward shall secure an annual license from the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen shall not grant a license for any automatic amusement device that presents a risk of misuse as a gaming device.

Automatic amusement devices which may present a risk of misuse as gaming devices are those devices which have one or more of the following features:

The device involves matching random numbers, patterns or cards.

The device accumulates more than 26 plays.

The device is equipped with a "knock off" switch, button or similar device that resets the total points won as shown on the video screen and adds these points to a second meter and/or recording device.

The device has a mechanism for adjusting the odds.

The device has a remote control feature that can reset the device from another location.

The device is capable of returning money to the player, other than the change for the excess amount put in.

The device permits a player to pay for more than one game at a time.

Each game on the device shall cost exactly the same amount for each player, and no player may change any aspect of the game by paying a different amount than any other player before or during the game.

There shall be no metering device that accounts for both money/points in and money/points out.

§ 10-2. Use restrictions.

The maximum number of automatic amusement devices allowed on any single business premises shall be four, except in the case of duly licensed arcades and amusement parks.

Any individual or business desiring more than four automatic amusement devices on a single business premises shall require a special license from the Board of Selectmen.

§ 10-3. Enforcement; violations and penalties.

The enforcing authority under this chapter shall be the Chelmsford Police Department.

All licenses for automatic amusement devices granted by the Board of Selectmen shall be subject to inspection by the Chelmsford Police Department to ensure conformance with submitted application information and local code requirements.

Any unlicensed automatic amusement device shall be subject to immediate seizure by the Chelmsford Police Department.

Violation of this chapter shall be liable to a penalty of \$250, with each unlicensed amusement device constituting a separate offense.

§ 10-4. Severability.

The provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable, and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or part thereof is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of any remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or part of the chapter.

UNDER ARTICLE 18. Selectman Philip Eliopoulos moved that the Town vote to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise, the property located in the Town of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, and further described and shown on a set of plans entitled "Chelmsford Center Project 05809, prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.," a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Engineer and is incorporated herein by reference, for the purpose of Central Square Improvements; and to transfer from Free Cash \$10,000 for said acquisition.

The Town Manager showed a overhead view of the project. He explained that the areas shaded are the areas being addressed in the article. Three privately owned properties. There are two sidewalk areas in Central Square and a piece of land in front of the current Mobil gas station. The areas look like Town owned land by way of appearance, however they are in fact owned by the direct abutters. In order for the work to be done these areas must be under the Town's jurisdiction, the Town needs to take control of these areas. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. George Merrill of the Historical Commission sited that these proposed project will change the characteristic of the center. It will lose that small town effect. Linda Prescott, Chairman of the Historical Commission said that the State had sent the Commission different information regarding the land taking in other areas of the project, and wanted their recommendation. Clinton Barlow, Pastor of the Central Baptist Church questioned if the sidewalk width in front of the residence and church would be reduced in size?? The Manager said it would not. More discussion took place. The Moderator reminded the Body that the discussion and questions are to limited to the three areas on the motion. Any other areas of the project are not relevant. The Moderator asked if there was any need for futher discussion, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. A 2/3's vote is required, the Moderator declared the motion carried by recognizing the 2/3's vote by-law.

UNDER ARTICLE 19. Dwight Hayward moved to waive the reading of the article. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously. Andrew Sheehan of the Master Plan Committee explained the article. The purpose of the article was to update the by-law to reflect the lighting improvements now available through new technology. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. Christopher Garraghan, Chairman of the Planning Board read the Board's recommendation. The Planning Board of the Town of Chelmsford held a public hearing on September 27, 2000 on the above mentioned article after advertising a legal notice in the Lowell Sun on September 12, 2000 and September 19, 2000. A copy of the advertisement was sent to all abutting municipalities and the appropriate agencies, as required in the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40A, Section 5. The public hearing for this article was continued to the meeting on October 11, 2000. It is the Board's opinion the proposed article would bring the outdoor lighting requirements in line with current lighting technology. Therefore, in keeping with the general intention of the zoning by-law in the development of the community, the Planning Board voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend this article. Kelly Beatty asked for support of the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need to hear further debate, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. Motion carried, unanimously. The article reads as follows:

Robert Morse Chairman of the Master Plan Committee moved that the Town vote to amend Chelmsford Code, Chapter 195, Zoning, Section 195-34 Outdoor Lighting, by deleting the existing section which reads:

§ 195-34. Outdoor lighting.

Overspill. Illuminated signs, parking lot lighting, building floodlighting or other exterior lighting shall be so designed and arranged that its collective result does not create so much light overspill onto adjacent premises that it casts observable shadows and so that it does not create glare from unshielded light sources.

Unless all the following are met, it will be presumed that the above performance requirements are not satisfied. The Board of Appeals may grant a special permit for lighting which does not comply with these specifications if it determines that the performance standards of Subsection A will still be met and if the applicant documents that brightness of any sign or building element will not exceed 20 foot lamberts in residential districts or 50 foot lamberts in other districts.

Internally illuminated signs on the premises collectively total not more than 200 watts unless not exceeding 15,000 lumens.

Externally illuminated signs employ only shielded lights fixed within three feet of the surface they illuminate.

Building floodlighting totals not more than 2,000 watts unless not exceeding 50,000 lumens.

Exterior lighting fixtures other than signs are mounted not more than 20 feet high.

Hours. No sign or building in any residential district or within 300 feet of any residential district if within sight from it shall be illuminated between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. unless indicating an establishment open to the public during those hours.

Movement. No flashing, moving or revolving lights shall be maintained.

AND INSERTING THE FOLLOWING:

§ 195-34. OUTDOOR ILLUMINATION.

Purpose. This section recognizes the benefits of outdoor lighting and provides clear guidelines for its installation, so as to help maintain and complement the character of the Town. The intent of this section is to encourage lighting that provides safety, utility and security; prevent glare on public roadways; protect the privacy of residents; promote energy efficient outdoor lighting; and to reduce atmospheric light pollution.

Applicability. The requirements of this section shall apply to any new construction. With the exception of single family dwellings and two family dwellings, if modifications or additions exceed 25% of the gross floor area, dwelling units, or parking spaces, all lighting on the property shall be made to comply with the provisions of this section. For the purposes of this section, if the aggregate of any additions or modifications within the five previous calendar years exceeds 25%, the provisions of this section shall apply. The requirements of this section may be reduced by special permit issued by the Planning Board upon a finding that such reduction will not detract from the objectives of this section.

Standards.

Any luminaire with a lamp or lamps rated at a total of more than 2,000 lumens, and all flood or spot luminaires with a lamp or lamps rated at a total of more than 1,000 lumens, shall be of a full cutoff design, with the lamp or lamps surrounded and shielded such that

no direct light is emitted above a horizontal plane through the lowest part of the luminaire emitting direct light. If any spot or flood luminaire rated 1,000 lumens or less is directed or focused such as to cause direct light from the luminaire to be cast toward residential buildings on adjacent or nearby land, or to create glare perceptible to persons operating motor vehicles on public ways, the luminaire shall be redirected or its light output controlled as necessary to eliminate such conditions.

Illuminated signs, parking lot lighting, building floodlighting or other exterior lighting shall be so designed and arranged that their collective result does not create so much light overspill onto adjacent premises that it casts observable shadows and so that it does not create glare from unshielded light sources.

Luminaires used primarily for sign illumination may be mounted at any height to a maximum of 25 feet, regardless of lumen rating.

The maximum height of the luminaire shall not exceed 25 feet. A maximum luminaire height of 35 feet may be allowed by special permit from the Planning Board upon a finding that the increase in luminaire height will not negatively impact abutting properties, particularly property used or zoned for residential purposes.

Internally illuminated signs on the premises shall collectively total no more than 15,000 lumens.

No sign or building in any residential district or within 300 feet of any residential district if within sight from it shall be illuminated between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. unless indicating an establishment open to the public during those hours.

Luminaires intended solely to illuminate any freestanding sign or the walls of any building shall be shielded so that its direct light is confined to the surface of such sign or building, and its lumen output shall be such that the average illumination on the ground or on any vertical surface is not greater than 0.5 footcandle or five lux.

No flashing, moving or revolving lights shall be maintained.

Exceptions.

All temporary emergency lighting needed by the Police or Fire Departments or other emergency services, as well as all vehicular luminaires, shall be exempt from the requirements of this article.

All hazard-warning luminaires required by federal regulatory agencies are exempt from the requirements of this article, except that all luminaires used shall be red and shall be shown to be as close as possible to the federally required minimum lumen output requirement for the specific task.

Luminaires used to illuminate nighttime sporting events shall not exceed 35 feet. A greater luminaire height may be allowed by special permit from the Planning Board upon a finding that the increase in luminaire height will not negatively impact abutting properties, particularly property used or zoned for residential purposes. Such luminaires shall not be illuminated after 11:00 p.m.

Submission. The applicant for any permit under this section shall submit evidence that the proposed work will comply with this section. The submission shall contain, but shall not necessarily be limited to, the following:

Plans indicating the location on the premises of each illuminating device, both existing and proposed.

Description of all illuminating devices, fixtures, lamps, supports, reflectors, both existing and proposed. The description may include, but is not limited to, catalog cuts and illustrations by manufacturers (including sections where required).

Photometric data, such as that furnished by manufacturers, or similar showing the angle of cut off of light emissions.

Definitions. The terms used in this Bylaw shall be defined as follows:

DIRECT LIGHT-- Light emitted directly from the lamp, off the reflector or reflector diffuser, or through the refractor or diffuser lens of a luminaire.

FIXTURE-- The assembly that houses the lamp or lamps, which can include all or some of the following parts: a housing, a mounting bracket or pole socket, a lamp holder, a ballast, a reflector or mirror and/or a refractor or lens.

FLOOD OR SPOT LIGHT (or LUMINAIRE)-- Any light fixture or lamp that incorporates a reflector or a refractor to concentrate the light output into a directed beam in a particular direction.

FULL CUTOFF-- A luminaire designed with an opaque shield surrounding and extending below the lamp, such that no direct light is emitted above a horizontal plane.

GLARE-- Light emitting from a luminaire with an intensity great enough to reduce a viewer's ability to see and in extreme cases causing momentary blindness.

HEIGHT OF LUMINAIRE-- The vertical distance from the ground directly below the center line of the luminaire to the lowest direct-light-emitting part of the luminaire.

LAMP-- The component of a luminaire that produces light.

LUMEN-- A unit of luminous flux. One footcandle is one lumen per square foot; one lux is one lumen per square meter. For the purposes of this Bylaw, the lumen-output value shall be the initial lumen output rating of a lamp.

LUMINAIRE-- A complete lighting system; that is, a lamp (or lamps) and a fixture.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING-- The nighttime illumination of an outside area or object by any device located outdoors that produces light by any means.

UNDER ARTICLE 20. Dwight Hayward moved to waive the reading of the article. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously. Robert Morse Chairman of the Master Plan Committee, explained the article. He explained that it has been four years since the last update was made to the Senior Living by-law. He cited the areas that would be addressed. Special permit process, RM zone standards, two times building height front set back, handicap adaptability vs accessibility. The by-law would add incentives for Building affordable Senior Housing. This would be for rental projects only, reduce open space requirement, allows up to six units per acre, half of all additional units must be affordable Senior housing (maintained by the Chelmsford Housing Authority. Under Independent Living Standards the maximum of two bedrooms, maximum habitable living area of 1600 square feet. Residential use allow in nonresidential districts. In the IA (limited Industrial District) and all commercial districts.

The Finance Committee had no recommendation on the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. Christopher Garrahan, Chairman of the Planning Board read the Board's recommendation. The Planning Board of the Town of Chelmsford held a public hearing on September 27, 2000 on the above mentioned article after advertising a legal notice in the Lowell Sun on September 12, 2000 and September 19, 2000. A copy of the advertisement was sent to all abutting municipalities and the appropriate agencies, as required in the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40A, Section 5. The public hearing for this article was continued to the meeting on October 11, 2000. It is the Board's opinion the proposed article would promote the building of additional affordable senior living facilities within the town. Therefore, in keeping with the general intention of the zoning bylaw in the development of the community, the Planning Board voted unanimously (6-1) to recommend this article. The Moderator asked if there was any need to hear further debate, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. Motion carried, unanimously. The article reads as follows:

Robert Morse Chairman of the Master Plan Committee, moved that the Town vote to amend the Chelmsford Code, Chapter 195, Zoning, Article XVII Facilitated 7 Senior Living Facilities, by deleting Article XVII which reads:

ARTICLE XVII

Facilitated and Independent Senior Living Facilities

§ 195-87. Purpose.

Facilitated and independent senior living facilities are allowed in a variety of zoning districts by special permit from the Board of Appeals. The intent of this chapter is to provide the opportunity for the development of the types of multifamily and communal housing most beneficial for the senior and elder population of Chelmsford.

A. Facilitated living facilities provide private or communal lodging for persons requiring limited medical attention or supervision and who ordinarily are ambulatory. These include, but are not limited to, assisted living facilities, Alzheimer's facilities and congregate living facilities.

B. Independent senior living facilities are intended to provide a safe, suitable age-restricted dwelling unit for a senior couple or individual who is able to live independently. Open space preservation is an important facet of independent senior living projects and is meant to provide the residents of the project with opportunities for active and passive recreation.

§ 195-88. DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS. [AMENDED 10-21-1999 ATM BY ART. 28]

The following dimensional standards shall apply to facilitated and independent senior living facilities:

	RM	CA	CB	CC	CD	CV	IA
Minimum lot area (acres) ¹	5	5	5	5	5	3	7
Minimum lot width (feet)	150	125	150	200	50	50	150
Minimum lot depth (feet)	150	125	0	200	0	0	150
Minimum frontage (feet)	150	125	150	200	50	50	150
Minimum front yard (feet) ²	40	20	60	60	20	20	40
Minimum side yard (feet)	25	40	40	40	40	40	40
Minimum rear yard (feet)	30	40	40	40	40	40	40
Minimum building separation (feet)	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Maximum building coverage	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%
Maximum building height (feet)	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
Minimum open space, independent senior living	10%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%
Maximum number of units per acre, facilitated living ³	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Maximum number of units per acre, independent senior living ⁴	7	4	4	4	4	7	4

NOTES:

¹A smaller lot size may be allowed by special permit from the Planning Board where such smaller lot is determined to promote the objectives of this article.

²Or twice the building height, whichever is greater.

³Up to 10 units per acre may be allowed by special permit from the Planning Board where such increase is determined to promote the objectives of this article.

⁴Exclusive of open space requirements. Tract size minus open space requirement minus wetlands/floodplain not included in open space requirement times units per acre equals maximum number of units per tract.

§ 195-89. General standards.

A. The entire site shall be of a size and shape as shall provide a housing site that will be in harmony with the natural terrain and other features of the site and will preserve natural vistas and the character of the neighborhood.

B. No site on a plan for which an approval is granted under this article may be subdivided so as to create additional lots. A notation to that effect shall be shown on the site plan.

C. Sites abutting residentially zoned land shall provide a landscaped buffer strip 50 feet in width or a strip as set forth in s. 195-43, whichever is larger, to provide adequate screening for adjacent properties. No structure, driveway, parking area or sidewalk shall be located in the landscaped buffer strip. A smaller buffer may be allowed by special permit from the Planning Board where such smaller buffer is determined to promote the objectives of this article.

D. Driveways and parking areas within the development shall be constructed in accordance with Article V, Off-Street Parking and Loading. Sidewalks conforming to the Planning Board's subdivision rules and regulations shall be required by the Planning Board.¹ Additional requirements linking pedestrian circulation systems may be required by the Planning Board.

E. Buildings shall be designed to be complementary in exterior design with each other and with the existing neighborhood in which the facility is located. Dwellings constructed under this article shall not be eligible for subsequent conversion to conventional apartments, with the exception of projects in the RM District.

F. The method(s) of implementing age restrictions of seniors and elders must be to the satisfaction of the Board of Appeals and the Planning Board.

G. The Planning Board may set additional site security and safety requirements as deemed necessary to ensure the security and safety of the residents of the facility.

¹Editor's Note: See Ch. 202, Subdivision of Land.

§ 195-90. Open space requirements.

The minimum required open space set forth in s. 195-88 shall be contiguous open space, excluding required yards and buffer areas. Such open space may be separated by the road(s) constructed within the site. The percentage of the open space which is wetlands, as defined pursuant to MGL c. 131, s. 40, shall not normally exceed the percentage of the tract which is

wetlands; provided, however, that the applicant may include a greater percentage of wetlands in the open space upon a demonstration that such inclusion promotes the purposes set forth in this Article XVII.

The required open space shall be used for conservation, historic preservation and education, outdoor education, recreation, park purposes, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, or for a combination of these uses, and shall be served by suitable access for such purposes.

The required open space shall remain unbuilt upon, provided that 10% of such open space may be paved or built upon for structures accessory to the dedicated use or uses of such open space, pedestrian walks and bike paths.

Underground utilities to serve the site may be located within the required open space.

The required open space shall, at the Planning Board's election, be conveyed to:

(1) The Town of Chelmsford or its Conservation Commission.

(2) A nonprofit organization, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space and any of the purposes for such open space set forth above.

A corporation or trust owned jointly or in common by the owners of lots within the site. If such corporation or trust is utilized, ownership thereof shall pass with conveyance of the lots in perpetuity. Maintenance of the open space and facilities shall be permanently guaranteed by such corporation or trust which shall provide for mandatory assessments for maintenance expenses to each lot.

(a) Each such trust or corporation shall be deemed to have assented to allow the Town of Chelmsford to perform maintenance of the open space and facilities, if the trust or corporation fails to provide adequate maintenance, and shall grant the town an easement for this purpose. In such event, the town shall first provide 14 days' written notice to the trust or corporation as to the inadequate maintenance, and, if the trust or corporation fails to complete such maintenance, the town may perform it. The owner of each lot shall be deemed to have assented to the town filing a lien against each lot in the development for the full cost of such maintenance, which liens shall be released upon payment to the town of same.

(b) Each individual deed, and the deed or trust or articles of incorporation, shall include provisions designed to effect these provisions. Documents creating such trust or corporation shall be submitted to the Planning Board for approval and shall thereafter be recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Any proposed open space, unless conveyed to the Town or its Conservation Commission, shall be subject to a recorded restriction enforceable by the Town, provided that such land shall be perpetually kept in an open state, that it shall be preserved for exclusively agricultural, horticultural, educational or recreational purposes and that it shall be maintained in a manner which will ensure its suitability for its intended purposes.

§ 195-91. Compliance with accessibility standards.

A minimum of 33% of the units in a project shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility standards to all living areas.

and inserting the following:

ARTICLE XVII

Facilitated and Independent Senior Living Facilities

§ 197-87. Purpose.

Facilitated and independent senior living facilities are allowed in a variety of zoning districts by special permit from the Planning Board. The intent of the by-law is to provide the opportunity for the development of the types of multifamily and communal housing most beneficial for the senior and elder population of Chelmsford. The provision of senior affordable housing is an important goal of the bylaw.

Facilitated living facilities provide private or communal lodging for persons requiring limited medical attention or supervision and who ordinarily are ambulatory. These include, but are not limited to, assisted living facilities, Alzheimer's facilities and congregate living facilities.

Independent senior living facilities are intended to provide a safe, suitable age-restricted dwelling unit for a senior couple or individual who are able to live independently. Open space preservation is an important facet of independent senior living projects and is meant to provide the residents of the project with opportunities for active and passive recreation.

§ 195-88. Dimensional standards.

The following dimensional standards shall apply to facilitated and independent senior living facilities:

	RM	CA	CB	CC	CD	CV	IA
Minimum lot area (acres) ¹	5	5	5	5	5	3	7
Minimum lot width (ft.)	150	125	150	200	50	50	150
Minimum lot depth (ft.)	150	125	0	200	0	0	150
Minimum frontage (ft.)	150	125	150	200	50	50	150
Minimum front yard (ft.)	40	20	60	60	20	20	40
Minimum side yard (ft.)	25	40	40	40	40	40	40
Minimum rear yard (ft.)	30	40	40	40	40	40	40
Minimum building separation (ft.)	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Maximum building coverage (%)	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
Maximum building height (ft.)	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
Minimum open space independent senior living (%) ⁴	0	30	30	30	30	30	30
Maximum number of units per acre – facilitated living ²	8	7	7	7	7	7	7
Maximum number of units per acre – independent senior living	8	4 ³	4 ³	4 ³	4 ³	7	4 ³

1. A smaller lot size may be allowed by special permit from the Planning Board where such smaller lot is determined to promote the objectives of this Article XVII.

2. Up to 10 units per acre may be allowed by special permit from the Planning Board where increase is determined to promote the objectives of this Article XVII and shall meet the criteria of § 195-91.1

3. Exclusive of open space requirement. Tract size minus open space requirement minus wetlands/floodplain not included in open space requirement times units per acre equals maximum number of units per tract. Total may be increased to six units per acre by special permit from the Planning Board upon a finding that the density increase will not be detrimental to the intent of the bylaw and shall meet the criteria of § 195-91.1.

May be partially or completely reduced by special permit from the Planning Board upon a finding that the reduction of the open space requirement will not be detrimental to the intent of the bylaw and shall meet the criteria of § 195-91.1.

§ 195-89. General standards.

The entire site shall be a size and shape as shall provide a housing site that will be in harmony with the natural terrain and other features of the site and will preserve natural vistas and the character of the neighborhood.

No site on a plan for which an approval is granted under this section may be subdivided so as to create additional lots. A notation to that effect shall be shown on the site plan.

Sites abutting residentially zoned land shall provide a landscaped buffer strip 50 feet in width or a strip as set forth in § 195-43, whichever is larger, to provide adequate screening for adjacent properties. No structure, driveway, parking area or sidewalk shall be located in the landscaped buffer strip. A smaller buffer may be allowed by special permit from the Planning Board where such smaller buffer is determined to promote the objectives of this Article XVII.

Driveways and parking areas within the development shall be constructed in accordance with Article V, Off-Street Parking and Loading. Sidewalks conforming to the Planning Board Subdivision Rules and Regulations shall be required by the Planning Board. Additional requirements linking pedestrian circulation systems may be required by the Planning Board.

Buildings shall be designed to be complementary in exterior design with each other and with the existing neighborhood in which the facility is located. Dwellings constructed under this section shall not be eligible for subsequent conversion to conventional apartments with the exception of projects in the RM District.

The method(s) of implementing age restrictions of seniors and elders shall be to the satisfaction of the Planning Board.

The Planning Board may set additional site security and safety requirements as deemed necessary to ensure the security and safety of the residents of the facility.

Adaptability requirements for facilitated and independent senior living projects.

All units shall be constructed to be handicap adaptable according to the standards of Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U. S. C. § 12204 and ANSI A117.1.

Developments approved as rental projects shall not be converted to condominiums.

§ 195-90. Open space requirements.

The minimum required open space set forth in § 195-88 shall be contiguous open space, excluding required yards and buffer areas. Such open space may be separated by the road(s) constructed within the site. The percentage of the open space which is wetlands, as defined pursuant to MGL c. 131, § 40, shall not normally exceed the percentage of the tract which is wetlands; provided, however, that the applicant may include a greater percentage of wetlands in the open space upon a demonstration that such inclusion promotes the purposes set forth in this Article XVII.

The required open space shall be used for conservation, historic preservation and education, outdoor education, recreation, park purposes, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, or for a combination of these uses, and shall be served by suitable access for such

purposes.

B. The required open space shall remain unbuilt upon, provided that 10% of such open space may be paved or built upon for structures accessory to the dedicated use or uses of such open space, pedestrian walks and bike paths.

C. Underground utilities to serve the site may be located within the required open space.

D. The required open space shall, at the Planning Board's election, be conveyed to:

(1) The Town of Chelmsford or its Conservation Commission.

(2) A nonprofit organization, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space and any of the purposes for such open space set forth above.

(3) A corporation or trust owned jointly or in common by the owners of lots within the site. If such corporation or trust is utilized, ownership thereof shall pass with conveyance of the lots in perpetuity. Maintenance of the open space and facilities shall be permanently guaranteed by such corporation or trust which shall provide for mandatory assessments for maintenance expenses to each lot.

(a) Each such trust or corporation shall be deemed to have assented to allow the Town of Chelmsford to perform maintenance of the open space and facilities, if the trust or corporation fails to provide adequate maintenance, and shall grant the town an easement for this purpose. In such event, the town shall first provide 14 days' written notice to the trust or corporation as to the inadequate maintenance, and, if the trust or corporation fails to complete such maintenance, the town may perform it. The owner of each lot shall be deemed to have assented to the town filing a lien against each lot in the development for the full cost of such maintenance, which liens shall be released upon payment to the town of same.

(b) Each individual deed, and the deed or trust or articles of incorporation, shall include provisions designed to effect these provisions. Documents creating such trust or corporation shall be submitted to the Planning Board for approval and shall thereafter be recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Any proposed open space, unless conveyed to the Town or its Conservation

Commission, shall be subject to a recorded restriction enforceable by the Town, provided that such land shall be perpetually kept in an open state, that it shall be

preserved for exclusively agricultural, horticultural, educational or recreational purposes and that it shall be maintained in a manner which will ensure its suitability for its intended purposes.

§ 195-91. Independent living standards.

All dwelling units and common areas shall be constructed to be handicap adaptable in accordance with Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U. S. C. § 12204, ANSI A117.1 and the requirements of the Massachusetts Architectural Barriers Board.

Units shall contain no more than two bedrooms.

Units shall have a maximum habitable living area of 1,600 square feet.

§ 195-91.1. Affordability standards for facilitated and independent senior living projects.

The Planning Board shall only grant a density bonus for a project that provides rental units. The Planning Board may grant a density bonus upon a finding that such increase is determined to promote the objectives of Article XVII and according to one of the criteria listed below. Where there is more than one size or style of unit in a project the affordable units shall comprise the same percentage as market rate units.

One-half of all additional units created through density bonuses shall be maintained as affordable units according to Department of Housing & Urban Development Section 8 Voucher Program or such other program agreeable to the Planning Board, Chelmsford Housing Authority and the applicant. The term "affordable" shall be as defined by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for Chelmsford.

A contribution pursuant to MGL c. 44, § 53A for the creation of units of senior and elder affordable housing.

Such other method agreed to by the Planning Board and the applicant.

And by amending Section 195-5, the Use Regulations Schedule, Category 9, Facilitated & Independent Senior Living, by deleting BA where it appears and inserting PB.

UNDER ARTICLE 21. Mary Jo Griffin, Chairman of the School Committee, moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 71, Section 71F, to allow for the establishment of a revolving account by the School Committee for the purpose of depositing funds received for tuition payments for non-resident students and as state reimbursements for students who are foster care children.

The Town Manager explained that this will allow the School Department to set up a revolving fund in order to have access to the funds collected for titution of non resident students. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for debate, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands on the motion as amended, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 22. Barbara Scavezze moved that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate \$12,000 from Free Cash remaining from FY00, or from the Waste Disposal line item of the Waste Collection budget, or any combination thereof; to enhance the position of Recycling Coordinator to a $\frac{3}{4}$ FTE (full-time equivalent) under the Personnel Services line item of the Waste Collection budget, in order to allow the Town to apply for and manage Massachusetts recycling grants; or act in relation thereto.

Barbara Scavezze explained that eight months ago she left the employment of the Town's Solid Waste Co-ordinator to take a job with the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency. Her hours and responsibilities were divided among other employees. It was the feelings of the recycling committee that the position is needed to be reinstated back to a one thirty hours a week employee. If the current costs for solid waste continue then the Town will face a shortfall in FY2006. The position is needed in order to maintain the enforcement of the program which if properly managed will save the Town money, seek grants to offset the costs involved with running the program, and come up with incentive ways to further encourage recycling, which comes by attending seminars and meetings. If an employee is not available to do these things, the Town could risk losing DEP funding. She asked for support of the article. David McLachlan asked the Town Manager if he felt that currently the program was adequately funded. The Manager felt that it was. Between his staff and the current solid waste employee, all programs and issues are being addressed. Barry Balan said he had opposed to the recycling program when first initiated years ago, but due to Barbara Scavezze efforts, he feels that her concerns and the committees are justified and urged for support. The Finance Committee was against the article. The Board of Selectmen were against the article. The Recycling Committee read a letter of support for the article. Mark Connors, Barry Balan, Steve Mallette, Liz Marshall, Peggy Dunn, all spoke in favor of the article. Leonard Richards asked the Town Manager who currently handles the grant process. The Manager explained that his assistant or other members of the staff, along with the Community Co-ordinator and solid waste personnel handle the research and paperwork. Jeffrey Stallard questioned if this money was added would the Town Manager have to reinstate the position. The Manager explained that he would not have to. Dennis Ready said that the Body should send a message to the Town Manager of being pro active and support of the program. The Moderator asked if there was any need for further discussion, hearing none, he asked for a show of hands, motion carried.

Selectman Michael McCall moved to continue the Town Meeting due to the fact that the time was beyond the 11:00 PM curfew. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 3. Town Manager Bernard F. Lynch moved that the Town vote to appropriate \$750,000 from Free Cash for the reduction of the tax rate.

The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked if there was any need for debate, hearing none, he asked for a vote by way of a show of hands on the motion, motion carried, unanimously.

Seeing that there was no further business at hand to address, the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned sine die The meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM.

Dennis E. McHugh, Moderator

Mary E. St.Hilaire, Town Clerk

TOWN ELECTIONS

Republican Primary Election March 4, 2000

	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	Prec 5	Prec 6	Prec 7	Prec 8	Prec 9	TOTAL
PRESIDENTIAL PREF										
Blanks	1	2	1	0	1	4	1	3	3	16
Alan Keyes	7	10	8	11	20	12	7	10	16	101
George W. Bush	151	88	138	113	145	146	171	165	159	1276
Gary Bauer	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	1	8
John McCain	347	241	338	295	359	409	385	365	370	3109
Steve Forbes	5	2	2	0	4	1	0	1	0	15
Ornn Hatch	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
No Preference	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	10
Jesus (Write-In)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
William Bradley (Write-In)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Al Gore (Write-In)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	513	346	489	420	533	575	567	548	550	4541
STATE COMMITTEE MAN 5TH MLDSX										
Blanks	110	106	96	87	124	120	103	104	114	964
Peter Dulchinos	327	190	338	267	324	375	408	375	346	2950
Michael J. Regan	76	50	55	66	84	79	55	68	89	622
Write-In	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3
TOTAL	513	346	489	420	533	575	567	548	550	4541
STATE COMM WOMAN 5TH MLDSX										
Blanks	219	153	197	188	233	213	226	225	233	1887
Madeleine R. Gelsinon	289	192	292	230	298	359	337	318	312	2627
Write-In	2	1	0	2	1	1	2	1	4	14
Misc	3	0	0	0	1	2	2	4	1	13
TOTAL	513	346	489	420	533	575	567	548	550	4541
TOWN COMMITTEE										
Group	193	117	177	147	190	222	245	203	224	1718
Blanks	10001	7485	9603	8589	10848	11205	9819	10540	10098	88188
John S. Fudge, Jr	235	134	212	177	221	265	308	272	282	2106
Margaret A. Fudge	237	135	220	180	225	257	300	266	270	2090
Jeffrey A. Brem	227	131	216	177	249	266	280	244	258	2048
Lisa H. Brem	216	129	217	172	243	263	275	239	256	2010
Richard F. Burt	219	129	219	170	207	246	281	239	252	1962
Nancy P. Clark	233	145	227	175	223	264	293	252	254	2066
Lincoln Clark III	224	133	204	180	213	247	278	240	245	1964
Carol C. Cleven	323	182	287	225	323	349	384	340	347	2760
Walter A. Cleven	260	144	244	179	270	296	332	288	285	2298
Richard Codling	211	125	205	162	201	240	270	229	251	1894
John G. Coppinger	226	126	202	182	212	239	270	242	259	1958
William C. Curry	223	129	221	171	219	246	300	265	258	2032
Matthew G. Dulchinos	238	134	207	171	216	256	308	260	265	2055
Peter Dulchinos	244	145	229	179	229	269	316	273	284	2168
Philip M. Ekiopoulos	276	156	254	201	262	313	339	292	299	2392
Bradford O. Emerson	269	151	248	200	274	309	343	295	307	2396
Linda J. Emerson	243	137	230	180	251	278	301	266	276	2162
Prec 1	240	139	235	183	212	276	299	269	264	2117
Eileen K. Fletcher	214	125	202	167	223	238	275	230	280	1954
Joan B. Gutwein	225	131	209	170	219	258	281	233	252	1978
Gerald L. Hardy	226	136	219	172	219	260	276	241	255	2004
Sheila M. Hardy	213	127	196	160	206	247	265	231	248	1893
Daniel E. Lekas	219	124	206	167	240	243	292	240	270	2001
Frederick S. Marcks	227	133	247	181	222	250	313	251	257	2081
Michael F. McCall	213	127	199	164	203	238	269	223	269	1905
Muriel L.W. McGrann	227	133	204	169	210	248	276	231	244	1942
Constance A. Pickard	212	129	206	169	206	238	262	228	270	1920
Patricia A. Saber	205	124	209	162	206	229	262	218	247	1862
Shaun F. Saber	216	122	193	171	204	233	260	224	254	1877
Paul E. Sarralegui	216	128	211	179	221	245	280	237	262	1979
Carol L. Sneden	215	124	202	176	219	239	279	241	262	1957
David E. Sneden	236	144	216	219	226	263	288	246	270	2108
John B. Sousa Jr	272	156	269	204	286	314	358	312	307	2478
Stuart G. Weisfeldt	250	149	240	205	235	289	305	272	279	2224
Joseph B. Shanahan Jr	3	0	3	0	2	2	4	6	5	25
Marc F. Levam (Write-In)	13	6	3	11	10	4	3	2	6	58
Verton Lenfest (Write-In)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Susan G. (Write-In)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jim Tobin (Write-In)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Robert Gill (Write-In)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Curbs Barton (Write-In)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Frenen (Write-In)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lynn Hayener (Write-In)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	7	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	0	16
TOTAL	17955	12110	17115	14700	18655	20125	19845	19180	19249	158934

Democrat Primary Election March 4, 2000

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PRESIDENTIAL PREF										
Blanks	4	1	3	6	3	5	1	2	1	26
Al Gore	188	149	187	186	187	250	190	196	180	1713
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr	2	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	0	8
Bill Bradley	149	106	136	125	160	191	168	162	149	1346
No Preference	9	8	4	5	3	7	4	7	7	54
Bush (Write-In)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
John McCain (Write-In)	0	2	3	1	2	1	2	0	1	12
Barney Frank (Write-In)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gary Bauer (Write-In)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Meghan Sullivan (Write-In)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Alan Keyes (Write-In)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Ralph Nader (Write-In)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	353	268	333	324	356	457	367	368	340	3166
STATE COMMITTEE MAN 5TH MLDSX										
Blanks	124	80	95	93	124	158	145	115	123	1057
Thomas J. Larkin	228	187	238	231	229	297	222	249	217	2098
Write-In	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	4
Misc	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	7
TOTAL	353	268	333	324	356	457	367	368	340	3166
STATE COMM WOMAN 6TH MLDSX										
Blanks	134	69	109	93	112	143	143	114	115	1032
Janet M. Boyer	97	80	105	73	122	142	107	104	94	924
Carol Y. Mitchell	121	119	119	158	121	170	117	149	131	1205
Write-In	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Misc	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	353	268	333	324	356	457	367	368	340	3166
TOWN COMMITTEE										
Group	135	101	125	130	145	168	139	130	148	1221
Blanks	6787	5193	6062	5933	6534	8777	6859	7229	5913	59287
John P. Emerson, Jr	202	145	216	202	205	253	220	216	199	1858
Adrienne M. Jerome	154	119	169	146	165	190	165	155	169	1432
Samuel Poulten	173	122	158	165	176	225	186	183	185	1573
Paul J. Cerqua	147	110	147	148	164	189	163	151	163	1382
Mary E. White	165	125	158	166	176	239	175	166	171	1541
Arthur R. Carmen	144	109	145	143	156	180	155	147	172	1351
Irene J. Cetaruk	151	119	163	148	165	192	166	152	166	1422
William F. Dalton	213	164	208	194	200	253	192	213	197	1834
Linda H. Dalton	180	146	171	161	179	222	165	175	182	1581
Stratos G. Dukakis	158	121	166	154	180	221	189	170	178	1537
Grace M. Dunn	168	129	177	161	179	221	179	174	184	1572
Kellie A. Dunn	158	122	164	159	176	213	169	154	173	1488
Dorothy C. Ayer	150	117	147	150	167	205	165	153	167	1421
Loretta A. Gelenian	152	126	150	148	164	191	168	150	165	1414
Alexander W. Gervais	154	118	153	146	166	191	168	164	164	1424
Jason P. Hanscom	144	111	152	143	157	185	153	144	163	1352
	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	Prec 5	Prec 6	Prec 7	Prec 8	Prec 9	TOTAL
James M. Harrington	184	129	168	175	181	226	187	180	194	1624
William A. Bennett	159	120	153	160	167	201	158	154	175	1447
Gail E. Poulten	156	121	155	154	174	205	176	161	180	1482
Donald P. Ayer	148	113	151	148	157	204	160	149	160	1390
Richard J. Jerome	144	110	155	140	164	183	161	145	163	1365
Scott E. Johnson	164	112	164	173	180	213	170	165	182	1523
Joel M. Karp	142	111	144	147	157	189	163	150	160	1363
Yvette M. Lemire	158	113	154	144	165	191	160	148	167	1400
Thomas E. Moran	171	123	177	160	177	207	172	166	180	1533
Judith A. Olsson	179	126	177	168	188	252	189	172	185	1636
Mananne J. Paresky	164	120	164	154	176	200	178	162	177	1495
Benari L. J. Poulten	150	113	149	147	164	193	169	155	169	1409
Cheryl M. Harris	148	114	148	144	164	186	155	146	163	1368
Anne T. Chicklis	156	122	154	145	164	196	172	175	169	1453
Dennis J. Ready	178	129	168	182	205	244	242	194	199	1741
Christos Simorellis	158	121	165	146	183	234	182	166	176	1531
Angelo J. Taranto	198	142	209	202	197	280	219	208	201	1856
Barry T. Bell	184	142	187	176	187	239	194	180	183	1672
Martel (Write-In)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
James Mazzola (Write-In)	3	1	6	4	0	4	0	6	1	25
Dean L. Contover (Write-In)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sweeney (Write-In)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Benoit (Write-In)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rines (Write-In)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Verton Lenfest (Write-In Rep)	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	4
W. Poner (Write-In)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Gary Mouser (Write-In)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Judy Hass (Write-In)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Minam Hawking (Write-In)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Misc	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	15
TOTAL	12355	9380	11655	11340	12460	15995	12845	12880	11900	110810

Libertarian Primary Election March 4, 2000

	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	Prec 5	Prec 6	Prec 7	Prec 8	Prec 9	TOTAL
PRESIDENTIAL PREF										
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kip Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harry Browne	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	10
Edison P. McDaniels, Sr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larry Hines	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
David Lynn Hollist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L. Neil Smith	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
No Preference	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	3
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	3	4	14
STATE COMMITTEE MAN 5TH MLDSX										
Blanks	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	2	10
Patrick El-Azem (Write-In)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	3	4	12
STATE COMM WOMAN 5TH MLDSX										
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Laura El-Azem	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	3	4	14
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	3	4	14
TOWN COMMITTEE										
Blanks	3	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	11
Edward B. Haynes	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	3	9
William J. Woods	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	3	9
Laura El-Azem	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	3	4	13
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	3	0	3	3	3	6	9	12	42

Town Election April 4, 2000

*Candidate for Re-election	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	Prec 5	Prec 6	Prec 7	Prec 8	Prec 9	TOTAL
SELECTMAN 3 Year Term (2)										
Blanks	262	133	243	222	310	300	319	250	504	2543
William F. Dalton*	341	189	292	325	312	345	316	299	251	2670
Philip M. Eliopoulos*	350	170	303	317	379	402	436	345	307	3009
Write-In	0	2	1	2	0	0	3	3	0	11
Misc	3	0	1	0	1	1	2	3	0	11
TOTAL	956	494	840	866	1002	1048	1076	900	1062	8244
SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 Year Term (1)										
Blanks	12	6	16	5	6	16	2	13	109	185
Antony V. Volpe*	237	145	209	247	245	250	189	183	202	1907
James B. Trager	228	96	195	181	248	257	347	251	220	2023
Write-In	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	5
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
TOTAL	478	247	420	433	501	524	538	450	531	4122
LIBRARY TRUSTEE 3 Year Term (2)										
Blanks	386	198	339	333	386	391	419	315	575	3342
Stephen J. Mallette*	269	148	223	254	296	335	336	291	234	2386
Carol L. Sneden	299	148	277	277	319	321	320	293	251	2505
Write-In	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	5
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	6
TOTAL	956	494	840	866	1002	1048	1076	900	1062	8244
LIBRARY TRUSTEE Unexp 1 Year Term (1)										
Blanks	77	64	91	84	88	104	87	80	207	882
Kevin E. Porter	121	56	120	106	171	132	223	124	112	1165
Daniel E. Lukas	78	50	75	69	61	104	62	75	77	651
Steven P.L. Maloney	200	77	131	172	181	184	165	170	134	1414
Write-In	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
Misc	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	7
TOTAL	478	247	420	433	501	524	538	450	531	4122
BOARD OF HEALTH 3 Year Term (1)										
Blanks	123	67	104	125	147	160	173	123	258	1280
Douglas E. Hausler*	354	179	314	308	354	362	361	325	272	2829
Write-In	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	5
Misc	1	0	2	0	0	1	2	2	0	8
TOTAL	478	247	420	433	501	524	538	450	531	4122
PLANNING BOARD 3 Year Term (3)										
Blanks	519	248	467	450	554	585	579	458	932	4792
Pamela L. Armstrong	297	165	270	295	327	338	362	299	239	2592
James P. Good*	322	161	265	284	313	332	345	303	218	2543
Kim MacKenzie*	295	167	253	270	309	315	327	289	203	2428
Write-In	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	0	0	5	0	0	2	1	1	1	10
TOTAL	1434	741	1260	1299	1503	1572	1614	1350	1593	12366
SEWER COMMISSION 3 Year Term (1)										
Blanks	138	69	103	126	171	157	197	123	259	1343
George F. Abely*	339	178	317	307	329	364	341	326	270	2771
Write-In	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	6
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
TOTAL	478	247	420	433	501	524	538	450	531	4122
HOUSING AUTHORITY 5 Year Term (1)										
Blanks	126	66	114	122	144	158	155	122	156	1163
Denise Marcaurelle*	351	181	302	311	355	365	383	326	373	2947
Write-In	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	6
Misc	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	6
TOTAL	478	247	420	433	501	524	538	450	531	4122
HOUSING AUTHORITY Unexp 1 Year Term (1)										
Blanks	144	73	115	126	155	167	192	126	159	1257
Leonard E. Westgate	333	174	300	306	345	356	346	321	370	2851
Write-In	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	7
Misc	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	7
TOTAL	478	247	420	433	501	524	538	450	531	4122
CEMETERY COMMISSION 3 Year Term (1)										
Blanks	132	71	111	123	148	151	176	124	159	1195
Jean R. McCaffery*	346	176	307	310	352	372	362	324	369	2918
Write-In	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	5
Misc	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	4
TOTAL	478	247	420	433	501	524	538	450	531	4122

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	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	Prec 5	Prec 6	Prec 7	Prec 8	Prec 9	TOTAL
SENATOR IN CONGRESS										
Blanks	20	8	16	8	15	20	18	21	14	140
Jack E. Robinson, III	47	21	34	23	32	32	29	32	45	295
Write-In	3	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	16
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	70	30	52	33	49	54	48	54	61	451
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 5th Dist										
Blanks	35	17	28	17	20	41	28	34	34	254
Marc L. Laplante	27	12	20	13	29	6	18	19	25	169
Write-In	2	0	1	3	0	0	1	1	1	9
Misc	6	1	3	0	0	7	1	0	1	19
TOTAL	70	30	52	33	49	54	48	54	61	451
COUNCILLOR 3rd District										
Blanks	63	27	50	32	47	47	48	54	56	424
Write-In	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	6
Misc	5	2	2	0	2	7	0	0	3	21
TOTAL	70	30	52	33	49	54	48	54	61	451
SENATOR IN GEN COURT 5th Midsx Dist										
Blanks	15	7	16	1	7	15	11	13	6	91
Andrew B. Pryor	55	23	36	32	42	39	37	39	54	357
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	70	30	52	33	49	54	48	54	61	451
REP IN GEN COURT 16th Midsx Dist										
Blanks	19	9	10	12	7	9	10	8	13	97
Carol C. Cleven	46	20	41	19	38	44	36	44	47	335
Anthony Volpe (write-in)	3	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	8
Write-In	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	7
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	4
TOTAL	70	30	52	33	49	54	48	54	61	451
CLERK OF COURTS Midsx Cty										
Blanks	62	28	51	32	48	49	46	53	57	426
Write-In	4	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	9
Misc	4	0	1	0	1	5	1	0	4	16
TOTAL	70	30	52	33	49	54	48	54	61	451
REGISTER OF DEEDS										
Blanks	61	29	51	32	48	52	47	53	56	429
Write-In	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	6
Misc	6	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	5	16
TOTAL	70	30	52	33	49	54	48	54	61	451
REGISTER OF PROBATE Midsx Cty (fill vac)										
Blanks	19	7	7	7	13	12	6	12	9	92
Lee Johnson	51	23	44	26	36	40	41	40	52	353
Write-In	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	6
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	70	30	52	33	49	54	48	54	61	451

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	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	Prec 5	Prec 6	Prec 7	Prec 8	Prec 9	TOTAL
SENATOR IN CONGRESS										
Blanks	24	10	25	19	23	35	38	25	26	225
Edward M. Kennedy	125	54	93	122	70	165	71	107	56	863
Write-In	3	3	0	3	0	0	2	3	3	17
Misc	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	4
TOTAL	152	67	119	146	93	201	111	135	85	1109
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 5th Dist										
Blanks	9	1	1	4	2	7	4	4	1	33
Martin T. Meehan	112	54	80	111	65	148	73	102	55	800
Joseph F. Osbaldeston	7	5	15	8	6	8	13	14	8	84
Thomas P. Tierney	22	4	21	23	20	38	21	15	18	182
Marc L. Laplante (Rep Write-in Cand)	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	8
Misc Write-in	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	152	67	119	146	93	201	111	135	85	1109
COUNCILLOR 3rd District										
Blanks	42	15	27	24	26	43	38	38	28	281
Marilyn M. Pelitto Devaney	70	45	68	92	42	127	47	74	32	597
Ruth E. Nemzoff	38	6	24	29	25	31	26	23	25	227
Write-In	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Misc	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	152	67	119	146	93	201	111	135	85	1109
SENATOR IN GEN COURT 5th Mldsx Dist										
Blanks	36	20	24	25	23	43	38	30	22	261
Susan C. Fargo	110	45	95	118	68	158	72	104	60	830
Write-In	4	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	11
Misc	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	7
TOTAL	152	67	119	146	93	201	111	135	85	1109
REP IN GEN COURT 16th Mldsx Dist										
Blanks	140	62	110	133	87	190	106	125	77	1030
Anthony Volpe (write-in)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Write-In	3	5	4	5	1	3	3	4	8	36
Misc	9	0	5	8	5	8	2	4	0	41
TOTAL	152	67	119	146	93	201	111	135	85	1109
CLERK OF COURTS Mldsx Cty										
Blanks	40	14	23	25	26	34	26	32	20	240
Edward J. Sullivan	87	38	75	93	51	135	59	81	46	665
Dennis Michael Sullivan	23	15	21	27	16	32	26	22	18	200
Write-In	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Misc	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	152	67	119	146	93	201	111	135	85	1109
REGISTER OF DEEDS										
Blanks	39	16	25	18	34	54	43	24	26	279
Richard P. Howe, Jr.	111	50	94	126	59	146	68	111	59	824
Write-In	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Misc	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	4
TOTAL	152	67	119	146	93	201	111	135	85	1109
DEMOCRATIC STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 19, 2000										
	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	Prec 5	Prec 6	Prec 7	Prec 8	Prec 9	TOTAL
REGISTER OF PROBATE Mldsx Cty (fill vac)										
Blanks	27	10	14	11	20	29	21	16	13	161
Dean J. Bruno	2	0	4	6	2	6	5	3	4	32
John R. Buonomo	4	2	2	1	5	4	4	2	8	32
Thomas B. Concannon, Jr.	11	1	4	4	2	7	3	7	2	41
Tara DeCristofaro	9	2	4	4	2	12	6	2	3	44
Francis X. Flaherty	9	5	10	10	5	7	2	16	3	67
Melissa J. Hurley	13	6	14	11	13	9	7	15	4	92
Robert Wesley Keough	10	4	7	11	11	4	8	11	14	80
L. Paul Lucero	3	2	3	5	1	2	3	1	0	20
Ed McMahon	63	35	57	83	32	120	52	62	34	538
Misc Write-in	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	152	67	119	146	93	201	111	135	85	1109

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	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	Prec 5	Prec 6	Prec 7	Prec 8	Prec 9	TOTAL
SENATOR IN CONGRESS										
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carla A. Howell	3	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	5	15
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	5	15
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 5th Dist										
Blanks	3	0	1	0	2	1	2	1	5	15
Marc L. Laplante (Rep Write-In Cand)				1						1
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	5	15
COUNCILLOR 3rd District										
Blanks	3	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	5	15
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	5	15
SENATOR IN GEN COURT 5th Midsex Dist										
Blanks	3	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	5	15
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	5	15
REP IN GEN COURT 16th Midsex Dist										
Blanks	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Patrick El-Azami	1	0	1	1	2	0	2	1	5	13
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	5	15
CLERK OF COURTS Midsex Cty										
Blanks	3	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	5	15
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	5	15
REGISTER OF DEEDS										
Blanks	3	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	5	15
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	5	15
REGISTER OF PROBATE Midsex Cty (fill vac)										
Blanks	3	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	5	15
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	5	15

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*Overseas ballots adjusted 11/17/00

	Prec 1*	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	Prec 5*	Prec 6	Prec 7*	Prec 8	Prec 9	TOTAL
PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT										
Blanks	38	16	13	18	21	26	19	24	39	212
Browne & Olivier (Libertarian)	15	15	9	16	15	18	9	17	19	133
Buchanan & Higgins, Sr (Reform)	11	1	11	11	7	7	6	4	9	67
Bush & Cheney (Republican)	813	524	804	679	812	840	878	819	829	6997
Gore & Lieberman (Democratic)	1006	906	1051	926	1045	1077	1040	983	944	8978
Hagelin & Tompkins (Unaffiliated)	2	0	3	3	2	0	3	3	5	21
Nader & LaDuke (Ma Green Party)	106	104	119	96	133	118	111	88	116	991
Reynolds & Hollis (Write-in Candidates)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-in	2	2	6	2	2	4	0	3	2	23
Misc	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	1	0	11
TOTAL	1995	1568	2016	1749	2039	2093	2071	1940	1962	17433
SENATOR IN CONGRESS										
Blanks	126	69	81	113	94	118	102	97	119	919
Edward M. Kennedy	1256	1072	1335	1071	1300	1367	1305	1251	1190	11147
Carla A. Howell	303	212	318	280	333	323	314	289	330	2702
Jack E. Robinson III	271	186	229	239	259	237	315	247	279	2262
Dale E. Friedgen	11	7	12	8	10	10	4	12	7	81
Philip Hyde, II	2	3	4	5	7	6	3	5	4	39
Philip F. Lawler	25	18	36	32	34	30	26	37	31	269
Write-in	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	2	2	11
Misc	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	1995	1568	2016	1749	2039	2093	2071	1940	1962	17433
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 5th Dist										
Blanks	477	303	444	437	459	454	506	477	484	4041
Martin T. Meehan	1476	1230	1524	1256	1525	1589	1433	1422	1422	12962
Marc Laplante	2	2	2	1	10	2	1	0	5	25
Write-in	9	19	13	40	30	20	36	30	37	234
Misc	31	14	33	15	15	28	21	0	14	171
TOTAL	1995	1568	2016	1749	2039	2093	2071	1940	1962	17433
COUNCILLOR 3rd District										
Blanks	594	370	548	518	588	549	656	571	572	4956
Manlym M. Peitito Devaney	1121	1000	1192	984	1154	1241	1128	1129	1089	10038
Barry T. Hutch	284	194	289	243	291	299	282	238	294	2392
Write-in	0	3	2	2	0	0	5	2	3	17
Misc	6	1	5	2	6	4	0	2	4	30
TOTAL	1995	1568	2016	1749	2039	2093	2071	1940	1962	17433
SENATOR IN GEN COURT 5th Midx Dist										
Blanks	192	134	182	175	154	182	151	157	168	1493
Susan C. Fargo	1202	1043	1302	1055	1294	1341	1150	1214	1094	10695
Andrew B. Pryor	599	390	530	517	589	570	769	568	702	5234
Write-in	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	4
Misc	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	7
TOTAL	1995	1568	2016	1749	2039	2093	2071	1940	1962	17433
STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2000										
	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	Prec 5	Prec 6	Prec 7	Prec 8	Prec 9	TOTAL
REP IN GEN COURT 16th Midx Dist										
Blanks	209	178	197	170	190	181	138	187	172	1622
Carol C. Cleven	1393	1082	1458	1162	1435	1537	1614	1416	1373	12470
Patrick ElAzem	387	304	357	415	412	367	314	332	413	3301
Write-in	3	2	3	2	1	2	5	3	2	23
Misc	3	2	1	0	1	6	0	2	2	17
TOTAL	1995	1568	2016	1749	2039	2093	2071	1940	1962	17433
CLERK OF COURTS Midx Cty										
Blanks	614	415	603	568	658	613	696	615	710	5492
Edward J. Sullivan	1362	1143	1399	1169	1367	1454	1360	1315	1235	11804
Write-in	2	5	6	6	9	13	4	2	8	55
Misc	17	5	8	6	5	13	11	8	9	82
TOTAL	1995	1568	2016	1749	2039	2093	2071	1940	1962	17433
REGISTER OF DEEDS Midx Northern Dis										
Blanks	605	413	589	542	641	605	658	602	689	5324
Richard P. Howe, Jr	1375	1148	1414	1195	1388	1466	1401	1324	1275	11984
Write-in	1	8	2	7	5	2	5	2	9	45
Misc	14	3	11	5	5	14	7	12	9	80
TOTAL	1995	1568	2016	1749	2039	2093	2071	1940	1962	17433
REGISTER OF PROBATE Midx Cty (fill vac)										
Blanks	398	295	413	393	480	428	432	377	438	3632
John R. Buonomo	575	519	607	519	526	579	508	562	474	4869
Lee Johnson	526	323	452	398	488	516	582	498	536	4319
Diana Poulos Harpell	493	429	537	434	562	565	548	499	514	4582
Write-in	1	1	3	1	2	3	0	1	0	12
Misc	2	1	4	4	1	1	1	3	2	19
TOTAL	1995	1568	2016	1749	2039	2093	2071	1940	1962	17433
QUESTION 1										
Blanks	141	77	93	82	91	115	78	106	78	881
Yes	1411	1076	1446	1257	1468	1528	1606	1356	1480	12608
No	443	415	477	410	480	450	387	478	424	3964
TOTAL	1995	1568	2016	1749	2039	2093	2071	1940	1962	17433
QUESTION 2										
Blanks	105	48	53	46	46	83	40	68	44	533
Yes	1363	1098	1452	1300	1449	1451	1522	1372	1408	12415
No	527	422	511	403	544	559	509	500	510	4485
TOTAL	1995	1568	2016	1749	2039	2093	2071	1940	1962	17433
QUESTION 3										
Blanks	91	39	51	47	46	80	48	72	49	521
Yes	943	759	934	822	1014	968	990	895	966	8291
No	961	770	1031	880	979	1045	1035	973	947	8621
TOTAL	1995	1568	2016	1749	2039	2093	2071	1940	1962	17433
STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2000										
	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	Prec 5	Prec 6	Prec 7	Prec 8	Prec 9	TOTAL
QUESTION 4										
Blanks	97	36	47	44	43	79	47	68	43	504
Yes	1308	1039	1384	1153	1372	1371	1420	1295	1390	11732
No	590	493	585	552	624	643	604	577	529	5197
TOTAL	1995	1568	2016	1749	2039	2093	2071	1940	1962	17433
QUESTION 6										
Blanks	122	59	84	74	79	114	84	90	72	778
Yes	790	640	792	672	784	762	718	734	751	6643
No	1083	869	1140	1003	1176	1217	1269	1116	1139	10012
TOTAL	1995	1568	2016	1749	2039	2093	2071	1940	1962	17433
QUESTION 6										
Blanks	107	52	64	63	83	98	63	79	60	649
Yes	891	705	923	773	927	929	875	816	944	7783
No	997	811	1029	913	1049	1066	1133	1045	958	9001
TOTAL	1995	1568	2016	1749	2039	2093	2071	1940	1962	17433
QUESTION 7										
Blanks	121	45	77	64	62	116	61	82	57	685
Yes	1375	1132	1422	1227	1496	1527	1531	1420	1472	12702
No	499	391	517	458	481	450	379	438	433	4046
TOTAL	1995	1568	2016	1749	2039	2093	2071	1940	1962	17433
QUESTION 8										
Blanks	116	54	71	71	81	95	67	90	70	715
Yes	878	725	818	689	885	847	813	822	855	7332
No	1001	789	1127	989	1073	1151	1191	1028	1037	9386
TOTAL	1995	1568	2016	1749	2039	2093	2071	1940	1962	17433



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